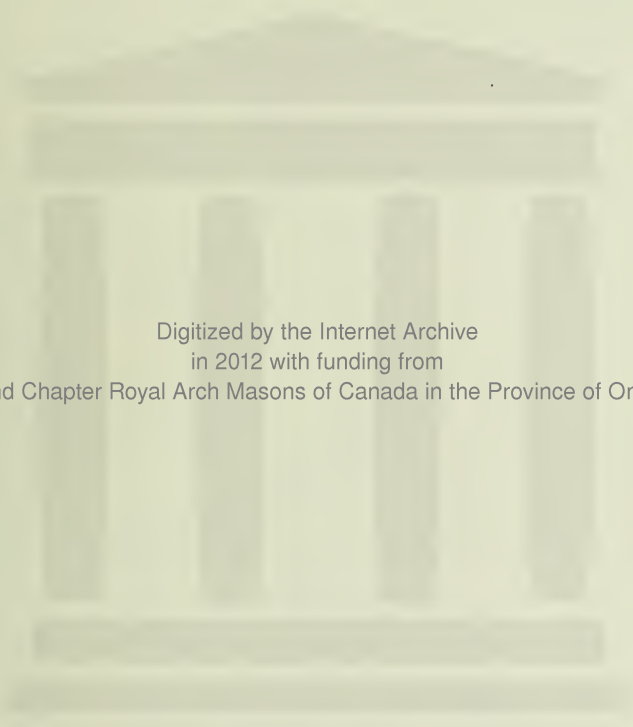


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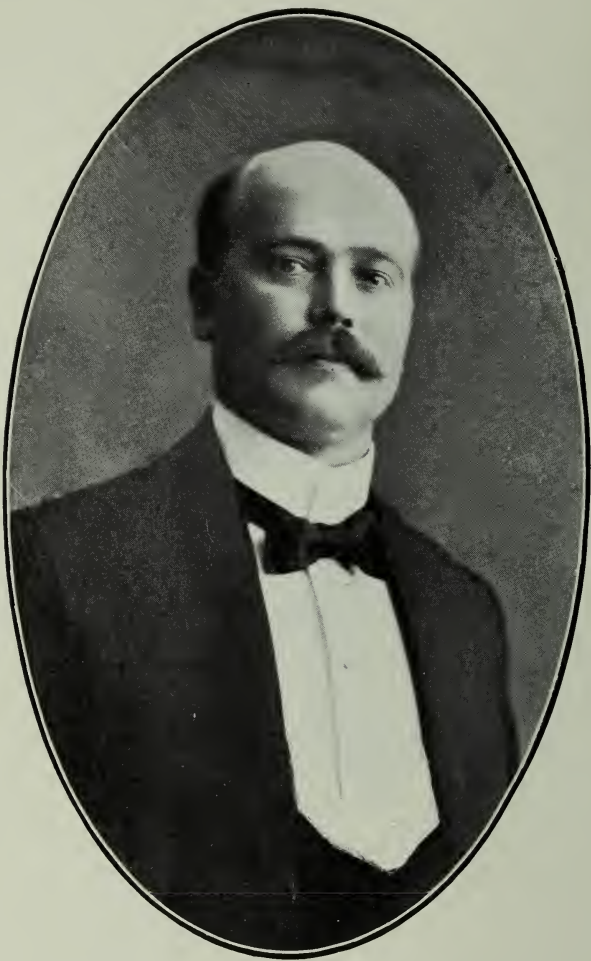
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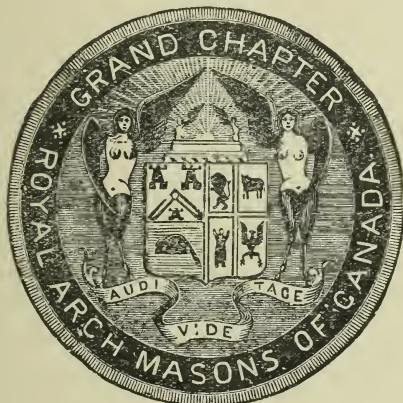
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Grand Scribe E.

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PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	George MooreGrand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	Fred W. HarcourtGrand H.	
R. " "	Daniel F. MacWatt	.....Grand J.	
R. " "	Geo. J. Bennett	.....Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	Oliver Ellwood	.....Grand Scribe N.	
M. " "	William Gibson	.....Grand Treasurer.	
" "	Aug. T. Freed	.....as Grand Principal Sojourner.	
R. " "	D. Fraser	.....as Grand Registrar.	
" "	W. H. Shaw	.....as Grand Senior Sojourner.	
" "	W. C. Mikel	.....as Grand Junior Sojourner.	
R. " "	J. B. Nixon	.....Grand Lecturer.	
V. " "	W. Duncan	.....as Grand Sword Bearer.	
" "	H. J. Mayhew	.....as Grand Master of 1st Veil.	
" "	H. D. Wood	.....as Grand Master of 2nd Veil.	
" "	W. H. Smith	.....as Grand Master of 3rd Veil.	
" "	G. J. Scott	.....as Grand Master of 4th Veil.	
V. " "	V. M. Hare	.....Grand Standard Bearer.	
" "	E. J. Repath	.....as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	
R. " "	E. C. Davies	.....as Grand Organist.	
V. " "	F. H. Anderson	.....Grand Pursuivant.	
" "	Robert Hughes	.....as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	Chas. T. Hay	.....as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	F. Staunton	.....as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	W. Anderson	.....as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	W. A. Lyon	.....as Grand Steward.	
" "	C. Clark	.....as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	H. Wellbanks	.....Grand Steward.	
" "	W. S. Ormiston	.....as Grand Steward.	
" "	Robt. Falconer	.....as Grand Steward.	
" "	D. Robertson	.....as Grand Steward.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. Scullard	.....St. Clair	Dist. No. 1
R. " "	Geo. Sutherland	.....London	" " 2
R. " "	Jas. R. Inksater	.....Wilson	" " 3

R. E. Comp.	Andrew Fisher	Wellington	Dist. No.	4
R. "	John Stevenson	Huron	" "	6
R. "	F. J. McClelland	Niagara	" "	7
R. "	Geo. B. Foster	Toronto	" "	8
R. "	Alex. Cowan	Georgian	" "	9
R. "	J. W. Sanders	Ontario	" "	10
R. "	W. R. Howson	Pr. Edward	" "	11
R. "	A. S. Knapp	St. Lawrence	" "	12
R. "	A. S. Wade	Ottawa	" "	13

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock a.m.

R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, from the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are 146 warranted Chapters and 3 U. D. on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 114 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui, Kingston.*

E. Comps. John Pearson, H., G. Somerville and A. Malone; R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch; M. E. Comps. A. Shaw (proxy), Robt. Hendry, J., P.Z.'s.

No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*

E. Comps. Alex. Odell, J., Thos. Towers, H., A. W. Palmer, Z., Frank Hills; V. E. Comps. F. Staunton, G. H. Lanigan, Fred Miller; M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, P.Z.'s.

No. 3. *St. John's, London.*

E. Comp. Thos. Rowe; R. E. Comps. John Graham, O. Ellwood (proxy), D. Fraser, J. A. Tancock, P.Z.'s.

No. 4. *St. Andrew's and St. John's, Toronto.*

E. Comps. S. Singer, J., A. D. Grant, H., W. S. Jackson, J. King; V. E. Comps. J. G. Boyce, H. S. King; R. E. Comps. R. W. Clewlo, H. T. Smith, P.Z.'s.

No. 5. *St. George's, London.*

E. Comp. N. W. Emerson (proxy), P.Z.

No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*

E. Comps. T. H. Hayhurst, J., Geo. Britton, A. T. Freed; V. E. Comps. J. F. Mercer, J. T. Wilson, Hugh A. MacKay; R. E. Comp. W. F. Miller; M. E. Comps. W. G. Reid, Wm. Gibson, P.Z.'s.

No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*

E. Comps. W. C. Mikel, Z., W. N. Ponton, P.Z.

- No. 8. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. W. H. Shaw, Z., W. Stinson, J. A. Carveth, W. Porteous, E. M. Carleton, J. Doust, W. Cooper, A. H. Loughheed; V. E. Comps. S. Brown, Wm. Anderson, W. A. Lyon; R. E. Comps. E. T. Malone, J. B. Nixon, Alex. Patterson; M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
E. Comps. J. Boyd, Z., S. E. Cornell, O. S. Clark, P.Z.'s.
- No. 16. *Carleton, Ottawa.*
E. Comp. J. W. Fenton; R. E. Comps. E. G. Shane, S. A. Luke, W. Rea, P.Z.'s.
- No. 18. *Oxford, Woodstock.*
E. Comp. L. E. Edwards, H.
- No. 19. *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
E. Comp. A. N. Lindsay (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 20. *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
E. Comp. W. E. Greensides, H.; V. E. Comps. C. T. Hay, R. A. Rastall, P.Z.'s.
- No. 22. *Grenville, Prescott.*
R. E. Comp. J. F. Graham (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 23. *Ezra, Simcoe.*
E. Comps. L. F. Aiken, H., C. F. Misner, Z.
- No. 24. *Tecumseh, Stratford.*
E. Comps. C. Farquharson, Z., S. J. Mallion; R. E. Comp. Jno. Stevenson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 26. *St. Mark's, Trenton.*
E. Comp. B. H. Siddell (proxy); R. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, P.Z.'s.
- No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*
E. Comp. R. Hughes; R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner (proxy), P.Z.'s.
- No. 28. *Pentalpha, Oshawa.*
E. Comp. G. J. Scott, P.Z.
- No. 29. *McCallum, Dunnville.*
R. E. Comps. J. C. Eccles, R. G. W. Conolly, P.Z.'s.
- No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
R. E. Comp. Joseph Beck, P.Z.
- No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
E. Comp. J. D. Hepburn, Z.; V. E. Comp. H. Wellbanks; M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z.'s.

- No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*
E. Comps. R. S. Hamilton, Z., M. A. Secord, P.Z.
- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
E. Comp. F. W. Otton, Z.; R. E. Comps. Alex. Cowan,
S. Wesley, D. F. MacWatt, P.Z.'s.
- No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*
E. Comp. F. C. Harper, P.Z.
- No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterboro.*
E. Comp. W. R. G. Higgins (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*
E. Comp. G. M. Taylor, Z.; R. E. Comp. J. W. Sanders,
P.Z.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
R. E. Comp. Richd. Mahoney, Z.; E. Comp. W. G.
Stephenson, P.Z.
- No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
E. Comp. W. O. Edwards, Z.
- No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
E. Comp. H. A. Wood, Z.
- No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
E. Comps. F. M. Brintnell, J., R. Snetsinger, Z., H. J.
Mayhew; R. E. Comp. W. Bellamy, P.Z.'s.
- No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
E. Comp. S. A. McCormock, Z.; R. E. Comp. Thos.
Scullard, P.Z.
- No. 48. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
E. Comps. J. R. Irwin, Z., W. H. Smith, A. J. Gould,
R. E. Comp. R. J. Craig, P.Z.'s.
- No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*
R. E. Comp. J. M. Suttée (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolea.*
V. E. Comp. John Sinclair (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
E. Comp. A. Leitch, Z.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
R. E. Comps: J. G. Bottomley (proxy), F. J. McClelland,
P.Z.'s.
- No. 56. *Georgian, Owen Sound.*
R. E. Comp. Allan Cameron (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 58. *Pembroke, Mattawa.*
E. Comp. C. W. Haentschell (proxy), P.Z.

- No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*
E. Comp. Omar Truesdale (proxy), R. E. Comp. A. S. Knapp, P.Z.'s.
- No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*
R. E. Comps. P. T. Lee (proxy), T. H. Brunton, P.Z.'s.
- No. 62. *York, Eglinton.*
E. Comps. Geo. McLeish, Carl Lehmann, A. J. Brown, R. Lennox; V. E. Comps. W. Duncan, Douglas Robertson (proxy), P.Z.'s.
- No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*
E. Comp. M. J. MacPherson, Z.
- No. 64. *Willson, Welland.*
E. Comp. J. E. Cohoe, P.Z.
- No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. L. F. Riggs, Z., K. J. Dunstan, R. E. Comps. Benj. Allen, Aubrey White, E. B. Brown, W. G. Eakins, F. W. Harcourt, P.Z.'s.
- No. 66. *The Malloch, Seaforth.*
E. Comp. G. R. McMichael, Z.
- No. 67. *Enterprise, Harriston.*
E. Comp. W. A. Glenney, Z.; R. E. Comp. And. Fisher, P.Z.
- No. 69. *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
E. Comps. W. B. Calder, Z., W. F. Randall, R. E. Comp. A. E. Phipps, P.Z.'s.
- No. 70. *Grand River, Bracebridge.*
E. Comps. H. J. Bird, Z., H. C. Wales, P.Z.
- No. 72. *Keystone, Stirling.*
E. Comp. G. A. Rose, Z.; V. E. Comp. H. H. Alger, R. E. Comp. W. R. Howson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
E. Comps. A. Winn, Z., S. R. Bews, R. E. Comp. Wm. Panton, P.Z.'s.
- No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.*
E. Comp. F. W. Swannell, Z.
- No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
E. Comps. G. E. Montgomery, J., S. B. Lay, H., Jno. Brennan, Z., E. J. Repath, R. Falconer, W. B. Stoneham, R. E. Comp. G. K. Clemens, P.Z.'s.
- No. 78. *Minnewawa, Parkhill.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. Sutherland (proxy), P.Z.

- No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
E. Comps. Joshua Walford, Z., W. L. Baynes-Reed,
J. A. C. Stewart, V. E. Comps. Ira Bates, F. H. Ander-
son, R. E. Comp. G. B. Foster, P.Z.'s.
- No. 80. *Ark, Windsor.*
E. Comps. W. B. Haggart (proxy), M. B. Squire, R. E.
Comp. C. Koelln, P.Z.'s.
- No. 81. *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
E. Comps. J. H. Dalton, Z., W. J. Fear, P.Z.
- No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
E. Comp. J. A. V. Preston, Z.
- No. 86. *Macpherson, Meaford.*
R. E. Comp. Jas. Sparling, P.Z.
- No. 90. *Golden, Kenora.*
E. Comp. N. Schnarr, Z.
- No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
E. Comps. Jas. Herriot, J., G. T. Pendrith, H., P. K.
Perry, Z., J. J. Hoidge, R. E. Comps. E. C. Davies, G. J.
Bennett, P.Z.'s.
- No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
E. Comp. J. J. McMahon (proxy), M. E. Comp. J. E.
Harding, P.Z.'s.
- No. 95. *Tuscan, Sudbury.*
E. Comp. F. W. Colloton (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 98. *Vancouver, Vancouver.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett (proxy).
- No. 99. *Keystone, Portage la Prairie.*
E. Comp. Jesse C. Smith (proxy).
- No. 100. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
E. Comp. Omar Truesdale (proxy).
- No. 101. *Corinthian, Boissevain.*
M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson (proxy).
- No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
E. Comps. T. E. Simpson, D. W. Green, R. E. Comps.
W. H. Hearst, C. W. McCrea (proxy), P.Z.'s.
- No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
E. Comps. R. L. Dudley (proxy), N. J. McCubbin, P.Z.'s.
- No. 104. *White Oak, Oakville.*
E. Comps. J. N. McGregor, J., W. H. Morden; R. E.
Comp. W. H. Speers, Z., P.Z.'s.

- No. 106. *Alberta, Calgary.*
E. Comp. H. F. Bing (proxy), V. E. Comp. C. H. Dee, P.Z.'s.
- No. 112. *St. John's, Morrisburg.*
E. Comps. G. M. Gorrell, Z., W. C. Davey, P.Z.
- No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
E. Comp. Hy. Williams, P.Z.
- No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
R. E. Comp. A. S. Wade (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*
R. E. Comps. W. J. Logie (proxy), Jas. Smiley, J. R. Inksater, P.Z.'s.
- No. 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*
R. E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 117. *Berlin, Berlin.*
R. E. Comp. W. Oelschläger (proxy), P.Z.
- No. 118. *North Star, Edmonton.*
E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, H.
- No. 120. *Kootenay, Kaslo.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen (proxy).
- No. 121. *Wascana, Regina.*
M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore (proxy).
- No. 122. *Rossland, Rossland.*
M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore (proxy).
- No. 123. *Nelson, Nelson.*
M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore (proxy).
- No. 124. *Westminster, New Westminster.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen (proxy).
- No. 125. *Rocky Mountain, Cranbrook.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett (proxy).
- No. 127. *Keystone, Nanaimo.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen (proxy).
- No. 128. *Revelstoke, Revelstoke.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett (proxy).
- No. 130. *Chantry, Southampton.*
E. Comp. T. H. Burns, P.Z.
- No. 131. *Amabel, Wiarton.*
E. Comp. D. Huether, Z.
- No. 132. *Leeds, Gananoque.*
E. Comp. Joseph E. Mills, Z.

No. 133. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*

E. Comp. J. M. Coonibs, Z.

No. 134. *King Darius, Cannington.*

E. Comp. N. V. Pipher, Z.

No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*

E. Comps. H. Shelley, H., B. Madill, Z., W. S. Ormiston,
V. E. Comp. V. M. Hare, R. E. Comp. D. A. Clark,
P.Z.'s.

No. 136. *King Edward, Neepawa.*

E. Comp. Wm. Young (proxy), P.Z.

No. 138. *Shekinah, W. Toronto.*

E. Comps. A. B. Rice, J., R. R. Hopkins, H., J. T. Jackson,
Z., J. C. Smith, V. E. Comp. G. W. Clendenan, P.Z.'s.

No. 139. *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*

E. Comp. W. H. Harper, H.

No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*

R. E. Comp. J. T. Hollinshead, Z. and P.Z.

No. 141. *Keystone, Brandon.*

E. Comp. Russell Hartney (proxy), P.Z.

No. 143. *Glengarry, Maxville.*

E. Comp. P. Munroe (proxy), P.Z.

No. 144. *Presqu'Isle, Brighton.*

E. Comp. O. L. Morrow, Z.

No. 145. *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*

E. Comps. P. J. Rogers, J., B. Cairns, H., W. S. Milne,
Z., C. G. Smith, Jas. Glanville, P.Z.'s.

No. 150. *London, London.*

E. Comps. G. W. Reed, H., F. E. Harley, Z., C. C. Reed,
R. E. Comp. U. A. Buchner, P.Z.'s.

No. 154. *Klondike, Dawson.*

E. Comp. F. A. H. Fysh (proxy), P.Z.

No. 155. *Ancaster, Ancaster.*

E. Comp. G. B. Smith, Z.

No. 156. *Avondale, Hartney.*

E. Comp. Russell Hartney (proxy).

No. 157. *Okanagan, Vernon.*

M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson (proxy).

No. 158. *Shekinah, Lethbridge.*

R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith (proxy).

No. 160. *Prince Albert, Prince Albert.*

R. E. Comp. D. A. Clark (proxy).

No. 163. *The Beaches, Toronto.*

E. Comps. Caspar Clark, J., D. D. Grierson, Z., John McCurrah, P.Z.

No. 164. *Lorne, West Lorne.*

E. Comp. J. A. Fuller, Z.

No. 165. *Saskatoon, Saskatoon.*

E. Comp. A. R. Orme, J.

No. 166. *Moose Mountain, Arcola.*

M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson (proxy).

No. 168. *Ionic, Campbellford.*

E. Comps. E. J. Free, H., Wm. Smith, Z.

No. 169. *Temiskaming, New Liskeard.*

E. Comp. F. W. Haynes, Z.

No. 171. *Rabboni, Dauphin.*

R. E. Comp. J. M. Suttie (proxy).

Thirty-two Chapters are unrepresented; number of names registered, 254; number of votes entitled to be cast, 473.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. R. MURCH,	} Committee
W. T. TONER,	
R. J. CRAIG,	
CHAS. H. DEE,	

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. the Grand Z. announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing and properly vouched for would now be admitted as visitors during the sessions of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe N. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Fifty-first Annual Convocation, held in the City of Toronto on Wednesday, the 27th of

January, 1909, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

Resolved,—That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 27th January, 1909, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of representatives of sister Grand Chapters and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais, where he greeted them, the Companions of Grand Chapter standing. The following answered to their names:

R. E. Comp.	William Rea	Alabama.
R. " "	Samuel Wesley	California.
M. " "	Abraham Shaw	Connecticut.
R. " "	Richd. Mahoney	Florida.
R. " "	Allan Cameron	Georgia.
R. " "	William Forbes	Illinois.
R. " "	Geo. J. Bennett	Ireland.
R. " "	Henry T. Smith	Kentucky.
M. " "	Robt. Hendry, Jr.	Louisiana.
R. " "	Benjamin Allen	Maine.
R. " "	R. G. W. Conolly	Maryland.
M. " "	John E. Harding	Massachusetts.
R. " "	Oliver Ellwood	Minnesota.
M. " "	William Gibson	Missouri.
R. " "	Richd. H. Spencer	Nebraska.
R. " "	W. S. R. Murch	New Hampshire.
R. " "	J. G. Bottomley	New Jersey.
M. " "	Donald Ross	New South Wales.
M. " "	J. Ross Robertson	New York.
R. " "	Aubrey White	North Carolina.
M. " "	George Moore	Nova Scotia.
V. " "	Hugh A. MacKay	Ohio.
R. " "	Fred W. Harcourt	Oregon.
R. " "	D. F. MacWatt	Quebec.
R. " "	W. T. Toner	South Carolina.
R. " "	E. T. Malone	Texas.
R. " "	J. B. Nixon	Vermont.
M. " "	W. G. Reid	Victoria.
R. " "	Alex. Patterson	Virginia.
R. " "	William Panton	Western Australia.

The grand honors having been accorded the representatives of sister Grand jurisdictions, and suitable responses made, Grand Chapter was called to order, when the M. E. the Grand Z. read the following:

GRAND Z'S ADDRESS.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada:*

COMPANIONS,—With a heart full of gratitude to The Most High for all his mercies, I greet you and extend a hearty and fraternal welcome to this the Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada. During the year we have enjoyed a remarkable measure of prosperity. A greater number of new Chapters than in any previous period have been instituted, and our total membership has crossed the fourteen thousand mark. The finances are in excellent condition to meet all demands and leave something in hand.

The subordinate Chapters are working harmoniously, and the relations existing between this and our sister jurisdictions throughout the world are most cordial. We have abundant cause for congratulation, and to the Giver of all good things our humble meed of praise is due, and our gratitude I trust will be shown in renewed efforts to be worthy of the benefits bestowed upon us.

DEPARTED COMPANIONS.

"The young may die, the old must die." While the inevitable summons has mercifully spared our official ranks, death, as usual, has claimed many Companions whose loss is deplored in the Chapter as well as in the home. To those of our membership to whom they were known, let the recollection of their good qualities be an incentive to greater work in the cause for which we all should labor diligently. To the bereaved families our sympathy goes out unstintedly, and our hope is that the great healer, time, may soften the blow which has saddened many a loving heart, and that the Divine blessing may bring comfort to those who daily miss "the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still."

Twenty years ago R. E. Comp. W. R. Howse was an active and successful worker in the Ontario District, and

his kind, cheery disposition gained for him a host of friends, not only in his own town of Whitby, but throughout the jurisdiction. His term as Grand Superintendent in 1888 was marked by a distinct advance in the progress and enthusiasm in the section over which he worthily presided. The R. E. Companion succumbed to illness in May of last year.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Mitchell Davis, Past Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, died suddenly at his cottage, Hamilton Beach, on October 6th, 1909. He held the position of Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District in 1895 and discharged the duties of that important office with credit to himself and honor to Grand Chapter.

The Huron District, and the city of Stratford in particular, will sadly miss the kindly companionship of that enthusiastic Mason and respected citizen, R. E. Comp. Christopher McLellan, who presided over the District as Grand Superintendent in 1900, and who to the grief of his host of friends and brethren was called away on the 16th March, 1909.

By the death of R. E. Comp. Edmund L. Dickinson, of Goderich, the Huron District sustained a second bereavement in the same month. The deceased Companion, whose avocation was the law, was originally a member of the Chapter at Wingham. He was Grand Superintendent in 1905 and 1906, and was highly esteemed in Masonic circles.

Another worthy Mason, in the person of R. E. Comp. Henry A. Hackett, of Amherstburg, succumbed to protracted illness only a few days ago. He was stricken last year, while holding the office of Grand Superintendent of the St. Clair District, and bore his trial with patience and fortitude. Death relieved him on the 8th inst.

Our sister jurisdictions across the border and elsewhere have cause to mourn the taking away of many brilliant members of the Royal Craft, whose activity led them to prominence and whose lives will ever be cherished in fraternal memory. The following deaths have been reported:

Alabama—Robert W. Southerland, G.H.P.

Arizona—Francis M. Zuck, P.G.H.P.

Arkansas—Reise Bowin Hogins, G.H.P.; James W. Null, Ex. Grand Sentinel.

California—Adolphus Hewel, P.G.H.P.; Jacob H. Neff, P.G.H.P.

Connecticut—James L. Gould, P.G.H.P.

Georgia—Alexandrian M. Lambdin, P.G.H.P.

Indiana—Philomen H. Clugston, P.G.H.P.; Rees J. Chestnutwood, P.G.H.P.; Simeon S. Johnson, P.G.H.P.

Illinois—John O'Neil, P.G.H.P.

Iowa—C. Stewart Ells, P.G.H.P.

Maryland—William N. Young, P.G.H.P.

Michigan—Samuel C. Randall, P.G.H.P.; John P. Fiske, P.G.H.P.

Missouri—Rufus E. Anderson, P.G.H.P.

Nevada—Michael A. Murphy, P.G.H.P.

New Hampshire—Frank D. Woodbury, P.G.H.P.

New Jersey—Jacob Kirkner, P.G.H.P.

North Dakota—Leonard W. Gammons, P.G.H.P.

Nova Scotia—James Dempster, P.G.H.P.

Ohio—William M. Cunningham, P.G.H.P.

Pennsylvania—Alexander H. Morgan, P.G.H.P.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by Grand Chapter that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the voting system, I appointed the following Companions: M. E. Comps. J. Ross Robertson, chairman; Wm. Gibson, A. Shaw, and R. E. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, D. F. MacWatt and A. T. Freed. Their report will be presented at this Convocation.

The committee appointed on the testimonial to M.E. Companion John Leslie was composed of the following: M. E. Comps. Donald Ross and A. Shaw, and R. E.

Comps. F. W. Harcourt, Wm. Forbes and Robt. Magness. Their report will also be presented at this Convocation.

VISITATIONS.

In addition to being present at the Chapters of Instruction, held under the guidance of the Grand Superintendents in the districts mentioned elsewhere, I accepted invitations from the following Chapters, in each of which I saw more or less work and of a quality very gratifying: St. Paul's, No. 65, Toronto (twice); St. Clair, No. 75, Milton; The St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto; The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton; Mount Horeb, No. 20, Brantford; White Oak, No. 104, Oakville; Tuscan, No. 95, Sudbury; Succoth, No. 135, Uxbridge; Waterloo, No. 32, Galt; Mount Nebo, No. 76, Niagara Falls, and King Solomon's, No. 8, Toronto.

A most cordial invitation was extended to your Grand First Principal by the Companions of McKinley Chapter, No. 181, of Cleveland, O., on the occasion of the annual inspection by M.E. Comp. O. P. Sperra, P.G.H.P., on the 26th April, 1909. I was very pleased to accept, and received a truly fraternal greeting. In addition to partaking of their boundless hospitality, the Companions unanimously conferred upon me the distinction of honorary membership, an honor which through me reflects upon this Grand Chapter, in that it is an expression of the abiding good fellowship existing between the jurisdictions of Ohio and Canada.

On June 12th, on the invitation of E. Comp. Frederick A. Busch, H.P., of Keystone Chapter, No. 163, Buffalo, N.Y., I accompanied the officers and about one hundred members to Cleveland, O., carrying with them the Travelling Triangle which had been presented to them by the members of the St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, of Toronto, and which was to be handed over to McKinley Chapter, No. 181, Cleveland, O. I was accompanied by E. Comp. W. S. Milne, of the St. Patrick Chapter, and the ceremonies connected with the presentation were very enjoyable and interesting.

DECISIONS.

Little has been submitted to me for ruling that had not already been provided for in our regulations. Two questions outside the ordinary, however, I think worthy of mention.

The Grand Superintendent of the London District was asked by the Scribe E. of one of the Chapters in his district to decide: "Is a Master Mason who has lost the thumb and index finger of his right hand eligible for advancement in a Royal Arch Chapter?" The Grand Superintendent referred the matter to me through the Grand Scribe E. for my decision. I replied that, as the applicant is unable to give the requirements of the ceremony in a proper manner, he is ineligible for advancement.

This ruling has been regarded by Grand Chapter hitherto as being imperative in such cases, and in following precedent I considered that I was only voicing the expressed desire of this Grand body. Personally, I am of the opinion a too rigid interpretation of what is classed under the head of "physical qualifications" should not be applied to the worthy Master Mason whose disability has happened after he joined the fraternity and whose desire to advance and complete his knowledge should not be hindered without other good and sufficient cause.

Another Grand Superintendent wrote me, stating that a Chapter in his district intended conferring one of the degrees in a manner somewhat similar to that of another jurisdiction, and, although not altering our ritual, the officers had gone to considerable expense and trouble in preparing additional material and paraphernalia to give spectacular and dramatic effect to the ceremony. In reply to this request for a ruling, I directed the Grand Scribe E. to inform him that such procedure was a direct violation of the Constitution. That uniformity in the work was greatly to be desired and expected by Grand Chapter, and that he point out to the First Principal of the Chapter the error of introducing innovations, and exact a promise

from him that he would in future conform to the regulations and ceremonies of Grand Chapter, which is enjoined to "see that the authorized work of the Order is preserved, and that no deviation be permitted either in the work or ceremonials and forms of the Order."

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

In October I wrote to the Grand Superintendents of the several districts in Ontario advising the holding of Chapters of Instruction as being necessary to the maintenance of uniformity and an incentive to emulation in the proper exemplification of our ceremonies. Owing to the vast distances between the Chapters situated in the western Provinces, I did not communicate with the officers in charge of those remote districts, relying on their own visitations to effect the desired good.

I am glad to say that the proposition was favorably received, and in no less than seven of the districts in this Province those useful meetings were held and were attended by gratifying numbers, and much benefit was effected. The Superintendents will, no doubt, report in detail as to the several meetings held under their inspection.

The Grand Lecturer, R.E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, in most of these cases was in attendance, and his comprehensive knowledge of our ritual and ceremonies was most helpful in straightening out matters in dispute or requiring explanation. I may add, too, that his addresses on the lessons and symbolism of the degrees were everywhere received with evident satisfaction and did much to add to the interest of those very successful meetings. My grateful thanks are due for his willingness to aid at all times and seasons.

I was enabled to be present at the Chapters of Instruction held at Picton, Port Hope, Toronto and Hamilton, and was much pleased at the good work witnessed and the beneficial effect produced by the assembling of the Companions of different Chapters.

In one district, where a previous engagement prevented my presence, I deputed the Grand Lecturer to report his observations. While praising the working of the

officers, he was compelled to censure certain methods adopted, which, as he says, he never saw before and trusts never to see again. Among others was the selection of certain brethren to receive the benefit of the degree, while the remaining candidates were set apart as spectators. Where such a practice originated I do not know, but the Chapter claimed to have been so advised. Let me say that there is only the one way of conferring the degrees, that laid down in our ceremonies, and every individual candidate must have such fully conferred upon him without the introduction of any such method of convenience as reported. I am glad to say that, so far as my enquiries have been responded to, the case was a solitary one.

OFFICIAL NEGLIGENCE.

Since assuming the responsibilities of this high office I have been in close and constant touch with the office of the Grand Scribe E., and must express admiration for the long suffering patience with which that officer endures the gross negligence and easy going methods of a number of the Chapter secretaries. True, the great majority of these very necessary officers are all that can be expected, but some there are who, alas, prefer to procrastinate. Many of these, and some of them of many years standing, are deaf to all appeals for promptness in applying for the immediate registration of newly exalted Companions, a demand which existing conditions renders imperative. Their returns to Grand Chapter they send as soon as it is convenient to themselves, generally at the last moment; and although by the change of date in the holding of the Annual Convocation the interval is extended one month, they apparently assume that that period is added for their particular benefit, and they take advantage of it accordingly. When the Grand Chapter books were closed at the beginning of the month a score of these officers were still to be heard from. Another very annoying feature is their persistent holding back of the statistical information required by the Grand Superintendents, and which necessarily delays the reports of those officers. As the First Principal of the Chapter is responsible for the prompt forwarding of the official documents and fees,

some measure should be adopted whereby the necessity for his active co-operation should be made clear to him.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued during the year a number of dispensations, the applications being invariably supported by sound reasons, and have declined not a few which were not. As in the case of my predecessor, I have been asked to authorize the postponement of Chapter functions because certain of the officers were engaged to appear at some outside anniversary festival. In every case of the kind I refused. The Chapter business, whether it be elections or installation, must not be interfered with because of any outside matter. These occasions are regulated by the by-laws of the Chapter, and every officer is pledged to abide by those laws. If an officer so lightly breaks that pledge he should also consider the propriety of withdrawing from the position which he thus rates of secondary importance. While you honor me, Companions, with this exalted position, I assure you I will not be a party to encourage any such applications.

BY-LAWS.

During the year I have been asked to approve many new codes of by-laws and amendments to those already adopted, all of which were regular, if the form of applying for same was not. It ought to be remembered that the Constitution provides that the application should embrace the extract from the Chapter minutes dealing with the matter; that it should be submitted in duplicate form, signed by both the First Principal and Scribe E., and have the Chapter seal attached.

In one instance I was requested to authorize a by-law permitting the First Principal to call a special convocation annually, on a date to be selected by that officer, for the purpose of installation. Had the Companions given sufficient thought to their request, they must have realized that such a thing was impossible and saved themselves and headquarters needless correspondence. I mention this to impress upon the Companions generally that the

matter of altering by-laws must not be undertaken without due regard to the general laws of the Craft.

NEW CHAPTERS.

A tribute to our growing country and to the great influence of the fraternity is the remarkable number of applications for the establishment of new Chapters, especially in the western Provinces. With two Chapters under dispensation at the beginning of the year at Saskatoon and Arcola in Saskatchewan, I have acceded to the petitions of Companions at Midland, Campbellford, New Liskeard and Hamilton in Ontario, at Dauphin in Manitoba, Wetaskiwin, Pincher Creek and Macleod in Alberta, Grand Forks in British Columbia, and at Sintaluta and Weyburn in Saskatchewan. Most of these have since given proof of very promising activity, and the Superintendents of the several districts report the equipment and working to be everything that could be desired. The Committee on Warrants will doubtless report more fully to you later on.

VEST POCKET DIPLOMA.

In February last I received a letter undated, but post-marked Fort Dodge, Iowa, in which the writer stated that he had received the Chapter degrees in Seattle, Wash., and afterwards affiliated with a Chapter in Ontario. He had procured a small vest pocket diploma, which the officer of the subordinate Chapter, he said, had signed and sealed at his request, and asked that I affix my signature and the seal of Grand Chapter thereto. I replied that I could not comply with his request, as no certificate is legal unless it is authorized by the regulations of Grand Chapter. Private Chapters of this jurisdiction should be very careful and not append its authority and seal to any certificate so presented, bearing in mind that the Constitution provides that "no Chapter shall grant any certificate of any kind except that of dimit or withdrawal from membership." Apart from its legal aspect, I regard the pocket diploma as dangerous. It is easily lost and liable to the risk of getting into possession of unworthy persons. Under no circumstances should any Chapter countenance such as credentials from any visitor.

THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

In accordance with the recommendation of M.E. Comp. John Leslie last year and approved by Grand Chapter, that the Grand Scribe E. visit the Chapters west of and including Sault Ste. Marie, I am pleased to advise you that that officer performed the arduous duty in a highly satisfactory manner. The task involved no small sacrifice on his part, but the hearty reception accorded him by the western Companions atoned for the long weary hours of travel necessary to complete the itinerary. During his absence I was in constant communication with him, and it was a source of great pleasure to myself to receive and read his letters which were always stored with useful information and interesting incidents regarding our far distant Companions. It was with a sense of deep satisfaction that I journeyed to Sudbury to meet him on his return trip and later saw him safe and sound in the bosom of his family. Of the benefits accruing to Grand Chapter from that visit you may form some idea from the fact that seven applications for new Chapters from the territories visited by him have since been received and acted upon.

In connection with this incident the Companions of Klondike Chapter, No. 154, Dawson, Yukon Territory, learning of the proposed visit, wrote and appealed to him not to forget them. It seemed like a cry from Macedonia, and I took the liberty of advising that on reaching the Coast, if circumstances would permit, that he should visit the Companions; this, of course, entailed an expenditure which the Grand Scribe E. assumed himself. I do not think, however, that Grand Chapter expects or desires that any expense should be put upon him.

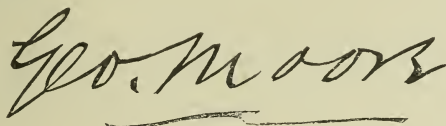
For the past three years R.E. Companion J. Langlois Bell has been the acting Grand Superintendent at Dawson, and the good work performed by him has merited our approval. He is a Past Grand Superintendent of Stadacona District on the Grand Registry of Quebec, and I know of no more graceful tribute for faithful services performed, than by conferring on him the title of Past Grand Superintendent on the Grand Registry of this jurisdiction.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, Companions, we are at liberty to feel satisfaction in closing the year. We may look back upon the path by which we have come with feelings of gratitude; we may survey the present position of our Order with pride; and we may contemplate the future with hope. Zeal has made effective the work of the Chapters, and the Divine blessing has rested upon their efforts. To the officers of the Grand Chapter, to the zealous Grand Superintendents, and to all the officers of the subordinate Chapters my gratitude is due for earnest and successful work.

Not the least of my tributes of acknowledgment and thanks are due to the Grand Scribe E. for his courtesy and restless energy at all times in furthering the interests of Grand Chapter, for I have learned to entertain the kindest fraternal esteem and regard for R. E. Comp. Bennett, whose ability in conducting the duties of his office is most helpful in lightening the work devolving on the Grand First Principal.

Kindness and brotherly love have met me at every step, and have cheered me on my way, warming my heart with gratitude and strengthening my hands. This Grand Chapter enters upon the new year in full confidence that success will still attend our efforts and that the Hand which has directed and sustained us thus far will guide us to the end.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. Moore". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Grand Z.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

Resolved,—That the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

COMPANIONS,—I take pleasure in presenting my report as Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District, No. 1, for the year 1909.

LORNE CHAPTER, NO. 164, WEST LORNE.—This, the youngest Chapter in the district, deserves special mention. Instituted as late as in 1908 by E. Comp. Christiansen, acting for the Grand Superintendent, it has made the most gratifying progress. The Chapter room, though small, is convenient and comfortable, and its appointments are good. The officers are well skilled and the work is done in an excellent manner. Where all the members of the Chapter, both officers and Companions, have worked so loyally and devotedly to advance the interests of Capitular Masonry in that part of the district, it might be regarded as invidious to mention names, but I think the Companions will pardon me for making one personal reference. Companion William Milner is not only one of the oldest, but the most thoroughly informed Companions in western Ontario, and I have no doubt he has contributed largely to the success of this Chapter. Past the Psalmist's life limit, and for many years engaged in large business enterprises, in all things Masonic he still preserves the enthusiasm and optimistic spirit of youth. Long life to him. On my official visit on the 12th of March, 1909, I was received most cordially by the Companions, and although no degree work was done, we had a delightful and I hope not unprofitable evening.

MACNABB CHAPTER, NO. 88, DRESDEN.—I visited this Chapter officially and installed the officers on the 6th January, 1910. The Companions have a very comfortable Chapter room, and the furniture is in good condition. The present officers are competent and painstaking in the ritual work, as far as I observed, but I had no opportunity of seeing any of the degrees conferred. After adjournment we spent a pleasant time in the fourth degree.

ARK CHAPTER, No. 80, WINDSOR.—In company with a number of the Chatham Companions, I paid an official visit to this Chapter on Jan. 10th, 1910, and installed the officers, with the assistance of E. Comp. J. Smith, of Chatham. On the occasion of my visit there was a magnificent gathering of Companions in their beautiful and well-appointed rooms, and the meeting, both for the excellence of the work and for the true Masonic spirit displayed, was a delightful experience. I gladly take this opportunity of thanking Ark Chapter on behalf of myself and of Wellington Chapter, for the most kind and fraternal way in which we were received. After the Chapter adjourned, the Companions sat down to a banquet provided in the rooms, and a pleasant evening was spent until it was time for the Chatham Companions to take their train home.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 47, CHATHAM.—I am pleased to report that this, my mother Chapter, is in a prosperous condition, and never had a brighter outlook than it has at present. We have been fortunate enough to have a number of highly-skilled officers who have generously given a great amount of their time to the work of the Chapter. The result has been a great increase of efficiency and a large membership. I look for 1910 to be a banner year for Wellington Chapter.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—After consultation with E. Comp. Dr. Russell and the other officers of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, I decided to hold a Chapter of Instruction for the district. I communicated with all the other Chapters in the district, and it was the unanimous opinion that Chatham would be the most convenient place for holding it. I, therefore, made arrangements for holding the Chapter of Instruction at Chatham on 14th December, at which Grand Lecturer Nixon was to be present to criticize the work. The Chapter opened in the afternoon, when the Mark degree was given by Wellington Chapter, No. 47, and the Most Excellent by Lorne Chapter, No. 164. After tea, Grand Lecturer Nixon gave a most interesting and valuable address on the lessons of Capitular Masonry. The Royal

Arch degree was then given by Ark Chapter, No. 80, and R. E. Comp. Nixon made his critical remarks. The meeting was one of the largest gatherings of Royal Arch Masons ever held in the district, and I have reason to believe has done much good. There were representatives from every Chapter in the district. I regret that some misunderstanding as to the date deprived us of the presence of the M. E. the Grand Z., who intended to be present.

I regret that my arrangements for visiting the other Chapters are for dates subsequent to the time I have to send in my report.

I desire to return my hearty thanks to the district for the honor conferred on me in electing me Grand Superintendent.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. L. SCULLARD,

Grand Supt. St. Clair District, No. 1.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

CHAPTER.		Number.		LOCATION.		Regular Meetings.		Emergent.		Total.		Average Attendance Members.		Average Attendance Visitors.		Annual Dues, per Member.		No. Members last Return.		Petitions Accepted.		Candidates Initiated.		Affiliations.		Restorations.		Withdrawals.		Suspensions.		Deaths.		Present Membership		M.M.M. Conf.		M.E.M. Conf.		R.A. Conf.		No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears		Liabilities.		Assets.		Cash or Securities.		Property.		Dues Outstanding.		Amount Insurance.		Amount Expended in Benev'ce		Prospects.		Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?	
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LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Superintendent of London District, No. 2.

WAWANOSH CHAPTER, No. 15, SARNIA.—On Friday, March 12, my first official visit in the district was paid to this Chapter, when I was introduced by our R. E., the Grand J., and E. Companion Barrie.

The M. E. M. and R. A. degrees were conferred on three candidates. V. E. Comp. Wenino was assisted by the regular officers, except the S. W., who was unavoidably absent in the early part of the evening. E. Comp. McDonald, taking his chair, conferred the M. E. M. degree. Except that the officers were inclined to the example of their brethren elsewhere in the processional part of the degree, the work was very well done.

Assisted by his efficient staff of officers, the First Principal, O. S. Clark, conferred the R. A. degree up to the M. lecture, which he could also, I have no doubt, have given, as he afterwards told me, had he not felt quite so nervous in the presence of the representative of the G. Z. V. E. Comp. Wenino gave this part of the work. Except in the veil work, in which the officers had not been fully instructed, the degree was well conferred.

As the S. E. did not have his books with him, I could not pass upon them, but the officers informed me that they are well kept.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers on the eve of January 14th last, and as I know them all personally, I can say that Wawanosh Chapter has for the current Masonic year an able set of officers. I had the honor of investing E. Comp. O. S. Clark as I. P. Z., with a P. Z.'s jewel.

BRUCE CHAPTER, No. 53, PETROLEA.—On March 17th I visited Bruce Chapter, and found Doctor Mulligan, the E. Z., and his officers present, except the Second

Principal and the P. S., who were unavoidably absent by reason of the death of a relative. There was a fair turnout of the Companions. The work of the evening was the conferring of the M. M. M. degree, which, I am pleased to say, was well done, every officer doing his work in an efficient manner. I had the pleasure of meeting with the other Companions, R. E. Comp. Cooper and V. E. Comp. John Sinclair, who is a R. A. Mason since 1873, and as enthusiastic as then.

BEAVER CHAPTER, No. 74, STRATHROY.—On April 7th I visited this Chapter. E. Comp. Dr. Forsyth and officers conferred the M. E. M. degree in a creditable manner, this being their first attempt at the degree. No doubt, under the guidance of R. E. Comp. Argue, the officers of this Chapter will advance to near perfection. The Companions take much pride in their Chapter, and all the P. Z.'s who have ruled since its resuscitation were present except E. Comp. Hart, who no longer resides in the district. R. E. Comp. Argue was a year ago presented with a P. Z.'s jewel, and on this, my official visit, I had the honor of investing him with a Past Grand Superintendent's regalia. Since visiting this Chapter, E. Comp. Hare, who was elected First Principal at its reorganization, has gone to his reward.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 54, ST. THOMAS.—On the occasion of my visit, on April 8th, E. Comp. Henning and officers conferred the M. M. M. degree on four candidates in a very able manner, they having had the advantage of being coached by R. E. Comp. F. W. Hon-singer, G. S. of the district in 1908. This Chapter owes much of its success to their S. E., V. E. Comp. W. E. Idsardi, who joined De Warrenne Chapter, No. 54, in December, 1873. In 1874 Keystone Chapter was formed, but in 1880 both Chapters amalgamated under the name of Palestine Chapter, retaining the De Warrenne number, viz., 54. In 1886, V. E. Comp. Idsardi was First Principal, and has been, with the exception of a few months, continually S. E. since.

This Chapter has fifteen P. Z.'s, who are all alive and members. The dues have been \$1.00, but as they

desire to secure a better Chapter room and procure a new set of furniture, they have raised the dues to \$2.00, their intention being to occupy a room in a new building jointly with the other Masonic bodies, and I am pleased to say that since my visit these have been assured.

AYLMER CHAPTER, No. 81, AYLMEER.—Four candidates were balloted for and accepted at my visit on April 9th. Unfortunately, I picked on Good Friday as the date of my visit, so that the turnout was not so good as it would otherwise have been, as several of the Companions were off visiting. The M. M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates. The S. W. took the first part of the degree and the W. M. the balance.

When Comp. J. E. Richards, S. E., father of the First Principal, notified me that the Companions expected me to visit their Chapter on the 9th April, he asked me "not to expect too much in the way of perfect work, as it had been some time since any degree work had been done." I found the officers at the first rather diffident, but I was very agreeably disappointed, for I soon saw that their work was as correct as some who notified me that they considered themselves second to none. I found in every Chapter, as in almost every lodge, someone ever willing and prepared to take any part of the work when necessity arises, and in Aylmer Chapter I found E. Comp. Dr. Fear such a one. His Companions highly commend him as a correct worker. I am sorry to report that Comp. S. E., J. E. Richards, has not been enjoying very good health for a considerable time.

MINNEWAWA CHAPTER, No. 78, PARKHILL.—I visited this, my own Chapter, at its regular meeting in October. We had no work, and have had none during the year 1909, but I am pleased to be able to say that there are for our meeting in January, 1910, two applications, and the officers are hopeful. They are of the right stuff, and I know would compare favorably with the other Chapters in the district, the E. First Principal, G. A. Fraser, being a thorough master of the work. Minnewawa is the home of R. E. Comp. Dr. Caw, who,

I am sorry to say, has been very sick, but is now convalescent, and may he be long spared in health and strength to meet with his Companions. Here dwells E. Comp. Wm. Dawson, the S. E., and E. Comp. D. N. McLeod. He is the Companion in the Chapter who ably fills any office when necessity arises. It would be well if we had many such.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, NO. 5, LONDON.—Four M. E. M.'s were exalted to the R. A. at my visit, on Nov. 23rd, and the work was well done by E. Comp. Palmer and his officers. It seems that in the past the P. Z.'s of St. George's and St. John's Chapters have put on the R. A. work, but now the officers are breaking away from this rule or habit, which is well and as it should be. Still, the P. Z.'s should be kept in harness, and their advice asked on any important point, which would, no doubt, keep younger officers on the right track. This was the evening for the election of officers, and each officer was advanced a step; and I may here say that this was done in all the three London Chapters. I was much struck with the harmony that prevails, not only among the Companions of the respective Chapters, but among the Companions of these three Chapters, being, as E. Comp. Elliott of St. George's Chapter put it, "blended like the red, white and blue in the Union Jack." May this ever prevail. The officers of this Chapter are all young and enthusiastic. Many members and visiting Companions were present, and I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comps. Broderick and John Graham. The prospects of the Chapter are bright.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 3, LONDON.—Visited on Nov. 24. There was a large turnout of members and visiting Companions. E. Comp. Oke and his officers conferred the R. A. degree. E. Comp. Oke is the noted breeder of fancy poultry, and is considered one of the best judges in America. He had been away for some days judging, and did not get back to London until the evening of the 24th, and he considered himself rather handicapped, as he had not had time to brush up, and as this was his first R. A. degree, he was afraid he would not

get along very well. Nevertheless, it is much better to be rather nervous than to be cock-sure, for he conferred the degree well. E. Comp. Davis and the P. S. are men well up in years, but they are just as enthusiastic as their younger Companions, and their lectures are well rendered. E. Comp. Simmie is a young man, and earnest. I would advise him as well as the officers of all city Chapters to take R. E. Comp. John Graham into their confidence, so that uniformity may prevail. Naturally, the officers visiting each other's Chapter would conduce to this. We had with us R. E. Comp. W. A. Wilson and E. Comp. Palmer, First Principal of St. George's, and E. Comp. F. Marshall, Z., London Chapter.

LONDON CHAPTER, No. 150, LONDON.—I visited on Nov. 26, when a candidate was advanced to the degree of a M. M. M. by E. Comp. F. Marshall and his regular officers, the E. Comp. explaining fully how everything should be done as he went along. The Principals for 1910 are young and enthusiastic Companions, and I have reason to believe that their P. S. will be one of the first in the district, and I have no doubt the work in the Chapter will compare favorably with any in the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter. This Chapter was organized in June, 1905, with E. Comp. C. C. Reid as First Principal, with a charter membership of twenty-six; at the close of 1906, when he left the chair, there were 62 members. The close of 1907 saw them with 77; 1908, with 87, and now, with the close of 1909, there is a membership of 91.

SOMBRA CHAPTER, No. 153, SOMBRA.—I visited on January 19, 1910. Knowing that this Chapter is largely composed of mariners, I thought I would visit it early in the spring, but the S. E. wrote to say that R. E. Comp. Honsinger had visited them in January, and asking if I would not defer my visit until November. To this I cordially acquiesced, and when November rolled around the S. E., J. G. Dalgety, was ill, but E. Comp. W. W. Stover, First Principal, and I got in touch. When his sailor Companions were at home they were called off

to Cleveland, and it was hard to get their officers together. When the new year had come, and no visit made, I thought it might be well for me not to pay an official visit, but to have my successor in office visit this Chapter soon after his election. Our Grand J., R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, thought I had better go, and the E. Z. notified me that they would have a candidate for the Mark, and also installation of officers, and certainly I was agreeably surprised as to the manner in which E. Comp. Stover and his officers conferred the degree. I had the pleasure of installing their officers, and as all the officers but one, I think, are landsmen, I bespeak for this Chapter a prosperous year. I am sorry to say that Companion Dalgety, the S. E., was sick in bed when I visited the Chapter, and I did not see his books; but I was assured that he is a thorough business man and takes great pleasure in Chapter work and in keeping his books, and I have no doubt of this, as I have seen samples of his work. I trust he will soon be restored to health and vigor.

It has been customary at Chapters and Lodges of Instruction to have a banquet at the close of the exemplification of the degrees, and as these banquets are rather costly affairs, small Chapters hesitate to have a meeting for Instruction held in their rooms, because of this expense, as they do not wish to be behind other Chapters in this respect. I decided that we should have a Chapter of Instruction without this unnecessary cost. As Strathroy is rather central for the district, I asked the Companions of Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy, if I could hold a Chapter of Instruction under their auspices, with this stipulation. They at once consented, but they did not like the idea of having it without a banquet, as the other Chapters might consider them rather niggardly in this respect. However, as it was my wish that there should be none, it was acceded to. I then set to work to get Chapters to exemplify the degrees. Beaver Chapter consented to exemplify the R. A. degree, the Z. of Minnewawa, No. 78, the M. E. M. I asked Aylmer to exemplify the M. M. M. degree, but their E. Z. was unable to attend. I then asked Bruce Chapter, and they

consented; so I rested contentedly on my oars until a short time before the date fixed—Nov. 30—when I received a letter from S. E. of Bruce Chapter, stating that circumstances were such that the officers could not attend. I had extended an invitation to our R. E. the Grand Lecturer to be with us, but under the circumstances I was unwillingly compelled to request him not to come, as I did not then know whether we would have any other than the R. A. degree, this being the only one of which I was then certain. This was the 25th November.

On the evening of the 26th, I asked the E. Z. of London Chapter and his officers if they would exemplify the M. M. M. degree, and without any hesitation they consented. We had our Chapter of Instruction. True, we had not many Companions present, but the M. M. M. and R. A. degrees were ably exemplified by London and Beaver Chapters, respectively. The Companions thought we had one of the best Chapters of Instruction ever held in the district. The Beaver Companions provided a light lunch, and all retired well pleased with the afternoon and the evening's exercises. There ought to be a Chapter of Instruction every year, and at least one Principal officer delegated from each Chapter, as when a Grand Superintendent visits a Chapter he may see but one degree exemplified, and may know nothing about how the others are worked.

Each Chapter in the district has a capable S. E., and all the books I have seen are neatly kept. It seems to me as if the S. E. of the three London Chapters vie with each other in the keeping of their books. Each officer has a different system, yet the information desired may be obtained at a glance at the record of each.

I now wish to express my sincere thanks to our G. Scribe E. for his many deeds of kindness; to our Grand Lecturer, who has ever been ready and willing to instruct; to the officers of London Chapter No. 150, who so kindly and ably filled the breach, and to the officers and Companions of Beaver Chapter, who so cheerfully gave their Chapter room, so hospitably used the

visiting Companions, and so willingly worked to make the Chapter of Instruction a success. I would also express my sincere thanks to the Companions of the district for electing me to the honorable position of Grand Superintendent and for their kindly greetings as the representative of our Grand Z., for I believe the M. E. the Grand Z. could not have been received much more heartily.

In laying down my symbol of authority, I would ask all the officers in the district to have perfection for their motto, and would ask all the Companions to cultivate harmony, which in the best sense of the term now prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

G. SUTHERLAND,

Grand Supt. London District No. 2.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

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St. John's...	3	London...	10	3	13	30	5	2.00	303	19	16	1	1	5	..	3	312	17	16	17	51	50.00	2766.00	1750.00	525.00	491.00	300.00	45.00	Ex.	Yes.
St. George's.	5	London...	10	2	12	35	14	2.00	179	28	23	1	1	..	4	3	197	23	23	24	42	1303.32	419.32	700.00	184.00	300.00	25.00	A1	Yes.
Wawanosh..	15	Sarnia....	9	1	10	25	..	2.00	234	..	11	1	..	1	243	11	9	9	26	600.00	275.00	200.00	125.00	Jointly	20.00	Ex	Yes.
Bruce.....	53	Petrolia...	10	..	10	15	5	2.00	100	2	2	1	101	2	2	2	40	325.00	200.00	125.00	133.50	21.00	Good	Yes.
Palestine...	54	St. Thomas	12	..	12	33	2	2.00	203	21	18	3	..	5	..	5	214	18	18	17	19	833.00	500.00	300.00	33.00	300.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
Minnewawa.	78	Parkhill...	6	..	6	12	1	1.50	82	7	75	28	287.75	35.00	100.00	152.75	Jointly	Good	Yes.
London....	150	London....	10	10	30	4	4	2.00	87	8	7	1	..	2	..	2	91	7	7	6	17	580.00	63.00	400.00	117.00	300.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
Beaver.....	74	Strathroy..	12	1	13	20	1	2.00	71	3	3	3	..	2	..	1	74	3	4	4	5	330.00	200.00	100.00	30.00	350.00	10.00	Good	No.
Aylmer....	81	Aylmer....	5	4	9	20	2	2.00	86	4	4	1	89	4	2	2	390.00	100.00	250.00	40.00	250.00	30.00	Good	Yes.
Sombra....	153	Sombra....	6	1	7	18	1	2.00	47	2	1	48	1	1	4	19	14.00	713.00	20.06	560.00	133.00	300.00	171.00	Good	Yes.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS,—I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of Wilson District, No. 3.

It was my privilege and pleasure to visit every Chapter in the district, and I am pleased to report that the utmost harmony exists in all the Chapters. The officers are capable and earnest in their work and the outlook for the future throughout the district appears to be very bright indeed.

EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, SIMCOE.—My first visit was paid to Ezra Chapter on November 4th, and the cordial reception accorded me by the Companions of this Chapter will ever be a pleasant memory. Every officer was present and in his place, with a large attendance of the Companions. The R. A. degree was conferred on six candidates by E. Comp. Hoffman and the officers of the Chapter in a most creditable manner and in every way sustaining Ezra Chapter's high reputation for efficient work. Even the man "from Missouri," I am sure, would be satisfied with the brand this Chapter puts up. At the close of the Chapter a couple of pleasant and profitable hours were spent at the banquet tables in refreshment, happy song and instructive addresses by the Companions of Ezra Chapter, who are fortunate in having so many able and enthusiastic members to guide its affairs.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, WOODSTOCK.—I visited Oxford Chapter at the regular November Convocation, and was accorded a true Masonic welcome by the officers and Companions present. The M. M. M. degree was exemplified by E. Comp. Hodges and his officers in a very correct and impressive manner. To Oxford Chapter belongs the honor of nominating an E. Comp. for District Superintendent this year, which will add fresh interest and enthusiasm among the Companions of the

Chapter and prove of lasting benefit to Capitular Masonry in Woodstock. After the work of the evening a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room.

HARRIS CHAPTER, NO. 41, INGERSOLL.—To Harris Chapter belongs the credit of having the largest increase in membership during the year in the Wilson District. The officers and Companions are enthusiastic in their work, and the prospects for the coming year are very bright. I visited this Chapter on November 26th and met with a most kindly and fraternal welcome. Four candidates were exalted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch by the officers of the Chapter, the entire work being done in a very careful and dignified manner, showing much study and attention to every detail. It was my very pleasant duty, on behalf of the Chapter, to present E. Comp. Revel with a past Z.'s jewel in appreciation of his faithful and zealous labors on behalf of Harris Chapter. At the close of the Chapter an adjournment was made to E. Comp. Reid's hostelry, where a most enticing banquet awaited the Companions. After the partaking of the many good things provided by the genial host, a happy hour was spent in speech and song, bringing to a close a most profitable and altogether happy evening.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, NO. 20, BRANTFORD.—Accompanied by R. E. Comp. Smiley and Logie and a number of the Companions of Brant Chapter, I paid my official visit to Mount Horeb on the evening of December 3rd, and was received in a most enthusiastic manner by the large number of Companions present. The R. A. degree was conferred in that finished manner for which Mount Horeb is noted, and E. Comp. Clapsattle and his staff of able officers are to be congratulated on the result of the evening's work. Masonry is making splendid progress in Brantford, as evidenced by the beautiful new Masonic Hall now in course of erection. Mount Horeb will occupy a spacious Chapter room in the new building, and I feel sure that great things are in store for the Chapter and Masonry in general in the city of Brantford. With the usual generous hospitality, a splendid banquet followed the work of the evening, when a couple of

pleasant hours were spent together in speech, song and music, for which Mount Horeb is also noted.

BRANT CHAPTER, NO. 115, PARIS.—Officially visiting this my own Chapter on December 20th, I had the pleasure, assisted by R. E. Comps. Smiley and Logie, of installing the officers for the ensuing year, and the excellence of the choice promises well for the Chapter's future prosperity. The reputation of Brant Chapter for doing good work has been fully maintained by E. Comp. Haire and the officers generally. A candidate was advanced to the degree of M. M. M., and the work was exceedingly well done. When the Chapter closed the Companions sat down to a banquet, when a most enjoyable social hour was spent, the Masonic quartette adding greatly to the evening's entertainment.

Permit me in closing to thank the Companions who so kindly elected me to this honorable position. The Chapters are all doing good work, and it was very pleasing to meet so many of the Past R. E. Companions of the district, all taking an active and prominent part in the affairs of the Chapter.

The books of the different Chapters are neatly and accurately kept, reflecting credit on the Scribes.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. INKSATER,

Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 3.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

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Extra.....	23	Simcoe.....	10	1	11	25	4	\$2.00 1.50	139	10	8	1	..	6	1	..	141	8	8	8	8	8	\$	500.00	206.00	\$	50.00	300.00	\$	25.00	Good	Yes.
Oxford.....	18	Woodstock..	9	4	13	16	1	2.00	60	7	6	1	67	6	4	4	34	..	520.00	120.00	400.00	130.00	350.00	Good	Yes	
Harris.....	41	Ingersoll ...	9	2	11	15	1	2.00	65	11	11	1	75	11	9	9	25	40.00	420.00	120.00	300.00	50.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.		
Mount Horeb	20	Brantford...	9	4	13	30	8	2.00	163	10	8	..	1	1	1	2	168	8	8	8	17	..	1360.91	363.71	800.00	197.20	800.00	15.00	Good	Yes.		
Brant.....	115	Paris.....	8	1	9	12	1	3.00 1.50	53	2	2	1	2	1	51	2	2	2	12	..	210.50	72.07	50.00	88.43	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

As Grand Superintendent I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Wellington District, No. 4. I have visited every Chapter in the district, and am very much pleased to state that the greatest harmony and enthusiasm prevails in every Chapter. On every visit I have been received and entertained in the most kindly and fraternal manner, making every such visit a very pleasant memory. I am pleased to report that good progress has been made during the year and the work performed with fair uniformity. I accepted office with the determination to perform the duties to the best of my judgment and ability, and with what success I leave it with the Chapters to decide.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, NO. 67, HARRISTON.—This is my mother Chapter, and while I have attended every meeting during the year, I paid my official visit on November 1st, and was right royally received by the Companions, of whom there was a good attendance. As I have observed their working during the year, I can vouch that all the officers do their duty well, there being no degrees conferred the night of my visit. The prospects for Enterprise Chapter are excellent, the officers and members are enthusiastic, and the books of the Chapter, under the care of Companion R. J. Martin, are kept in his usual neat and admirable manner. After the usual routine of business of the Chapter was concluded and the officers elected for the ensuing year, the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where, after partaking of the good things provided, a very pleasant hour was spent in speech and song, which brought to a close one of the many pleasant evenings I have spent with the Companions of Enterprise Chapter.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, NO. 32, GALT.—This Chapter is strong in numbers, material and equipment, and is fortunate in the possession of such experienced, enthusiastic

and capable workers as R. E. Comps. Cowan and Porteous and others, who are faithful in their attendance and by their active assistance keep alive the enthusiasm of the members. On October 11th, the evening of my official visit, I was met at the train by Comp. Blake, S. E. of Waterloo Chapter, who is a most enthusiastic Companion and an efficient, painstaking S. E. A very large number of Companions were present. I was presented to the M. E. Grand Z. and also M. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, Past G. Z. of the Grand Chapter. I was introduced to the Companions by Comp. Blake, and was right royally received by them. I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. R. Mahoney and E. Comp. Stevenson of Guelph Chapter. I witnessed the work of the M. M. M. degree performed by E. Comp. Smith and his officers in such a manner as should satisfy any inspecting Grand Chapter officer. Capitular Masonry will, without doubt, flourish in Waterloo Chapter in the future as it has for many past years. At the close of the Chapter we adjourned to a splendid repast in the banquet hall, and a most enjoyable hour was spent. The Companions were highly delighted listening to an address on Capitular Masonry by the M. E. Grand Z. and M. E. Comp. Gibson, Past Grand Z., and short speeches by many Companions of the Chapter. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" we adjourned with "Happy to meet, sorry to part, hope to meet again."

IONIC CHAPTER, NO. 83, ORANGEVILLE.—On the 5th of October I paid my official visit to this live Chapter. I was introduced to the Companions by R. E. Comp. Irvine. To his counsel and assistance is due much of the prosperity attendant upon Ionic Chapter in the past. I found the books of the Chapter kept in a correct and perfect manner. I must congratulate S. E. Comp. D. McPherson not only on his books, but for his manner of keeping his dues collected up to date. The M. M. M. degree was conferred by E. Comp. J. A. V. Preston, Second Principal of Ionic Chapter, in a most impressive manner with the greatest decorum, ably assisted by the other officers. The E. Z. of the Chapter, Comp. Rev. Bourtch, whose duties call him away frequently, is a

most enthusiastic Companion. He arrived home from Chatsworth to be present with us that evening. I was also more than pleased to meet R. E. Comp. Mann, who is one of the old landmarks of the Chapter. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to the banquet hall, where a splendid repast was served, and spent an enjoyable social hour. The Companions of Ionic Chapter are royal entertainers.

BERLIN CHAPTER, NO. 117, BERLIN.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on September 17th and received a very cordial welcome from the Companions. I was introduced to them by E. Comp. Walker, Z. of the Chapter. The prospects for Berlin Chapter are good, as Berlin is a live town. The officers and members are enthusiastic. The books are well kept under the care of Comp. Spence, S.E. No degree work was put on, and after the usual routine of business of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to the banquet hall, where a happy sociable hour was spent. The Companions of Berlin Chapter are good exemplars of Capitular Masonry.

GUELPH CHAPTER, NO. 40, GUELPH.—This Chapter has been looked upon as the most influential Chapter of the Wellington District. I paid my official visit there on December 10th. I was met by R. E. Comp. Mahoney, who is one of the most enthusiastic Companions of the district. He introduced me to the Companions of the Chapter. I was very cordially received by those present. Although few in number, they are quite enthusiastic. Owing to illness, Comp. Gair, S.E., was not present, which I very much regretted, but learned that he has much improved in health, and I trust in the near future he will be restored to his usual good condition. Guelph Chapter has been resting on its oars for some time past, but I am sure that in the future it will give a good account of itself. There was no degree work put on owing to a mistake of the acting S. E., as they intended having M. M. M. degree conferred, and it was thus unavoidably omitted. I know Guelph Chapter under the management of R. E. Mahoney as the Z. of the Chapter will be prosperous in the future. After the Chapter was closed the

Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a most sumptuous repast was served and a very pleasant sociable hour spent.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions of Wellington District, No. 4, for the honor conferred upon me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, as well as for the most cordial welcome extended by the officers and Companions of the various Chapters which I had the pleasure to visit.

Fraternally submitted,

ANDREW FISHER,

Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

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HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to submit herewith the following brief report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Hamilton District, No. 5, for the year 1909, and in doing so I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my very great appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the M. E. the Grand Z. and the representatives of the several Chapters in the district, by selecting me for such a proud position in the Craft as Grand Superintendent.

During the year I have visited all the Chapters in the district, and I am pleased to say that peace, harmony and fraternal love prevail throughout the district.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, MILTON.—I was received very kindly on my visit to this Chapter on Thursday evening, October 14th, when I was accompanied by seven Companions of White Oak Chapter. The M. M. M. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Bews and his officers in a very able manner. I found this Chapter in a very prosperous condition, the officers doing all their work in a very creditable manner. R. E. Comp. Wm. Panton, who has been Scribe E. for many years, is one of the most active and enthusiastic members of this Chapter. St. Clair has had one of the best years in its history, and the prospects are very good.

ANCASTER CHAPTER, No. 155, ANCASTER.—On October 27th, accompanied by several of my Companions, I visited Ancaster, and when I arrived I found the meeting place in darkness, and on enquiry as to the cause learned that the acting Scribe E. had made a mistake as to the night of the meeting and had failed to advise me of the fact. I have, therefore, no report to make except that regular meetings have been held, but I cannot report much progress, and the future of this Chapter is not of the brightest.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, NO. 104, OAKVILLE.—On December 7th, at the request of the First Principal, I officially visited this my mother Chapter and conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election was unanimous, and as R. E. Comp. Speers was elected First Principal, I am sure that he will, as on similar occasions formerly, maintain that high quality of work for which he is well known. This Chapter, like others in the country, labors under the difficulty of not much material to work on; however, during the past year it has maintained the same standard of work as in the past.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 2, HAMILTON.—On Friday, April 23rd, I made my first visit to this Chapter, the occasion being the presentation of a loving cup to M. E. Comp. George Moore, Grand First Principal, after which the R. A. degree was conferred by Past Principals. Adjournment was then made to the banquet hall, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

On Friday, May 7th, I accompanied this Chapter on the occasion of their fraternal visit to Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, when they conferred the R. A. degree in a very acceptable manner. M. E. Comp. George Moore and other Grand Chapter officers were present, and at the close of the meeting the Companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where a social hour was spent and an excellent programme given.

On October 22nd I again visited this Chapter, when a fraternal visit was made by Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto, when they conferred R. A. degree. The officers did their work in a very pleasing and instructive manner.

On Friday, November 26th, I officially visited this the oldest Chapter in the district, and I was received in that friendly and cordial manner which has made E. Comp. Hills so justly famous. The M. M. M. degree was conferred in a manner characteristic of Hiram. In V. E. Comp. G. H. Lanigan the Chapter has a Scribe E. who for years has always taken a very active part in its welfare and prosperity.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON.—My official visit was paid on December 9th, at the annual convocation, and at the request of the First Principal I conducted the election of officers for the ensuing twelve months. The election was practically unanimous, and there is no doubt but that the new officers will maintain the same excellence of work for which St. John's is well known. Their reception to me and my accompanying Companions was most cordial. After working the M. M. M. degree an adjournment was made, and an exceedingly pleasant hour was spent. This Chapter has had a very successful year.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—On January 10th, 1910, a Chapter of Instruction for the district was held at Hamilton. A number of Grand Chapter officers were present, including M. E. Comp. George Moore, G.Z.; R. E. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, Grand H., and J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer. At 3 p.m. St. John's Chapter, No. 6, exemplified the M. M. M. degree in a way quite worthy of them, after which R. E. Comp. Nixon gave a beautiful and instructive lecture on "Lessons from the M. M. M. degree."

At 5 p.m. The Hiram Chapter exemplified the M. E. M. degree; they worked it in a very quiet and impressive manner, and the general opinion expressed by everyone present was that they had never seen it given better.

The Hamilton Companions kindly provided refreshments, and the R. A. degree was exemplified at 8 p.m. by St. Clair Chapter, of Milton. They did the work in a most efficient manner, and received many hearty congratulations.

After working the several degrees interesting discussions took place, and many questions were asked of the Grand Lecturer, and I am sure that as a result of the meeting a much greater uniformity of the work will be given in the future.

Before the meeting closed a number of short addresses were given, and the opinion prevailed that we were closing one of the best meetings ever held in the district.

I wish to thank the officers of the different Chapters for their hearty co-operation in making the meeting such a great success, and also to the Masonic bodies for their kindness in allowing us to use their rooms, and to the Hamilton Companions for so kindly providing refreshments to the visiting Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. MARLATT,

Grand Supt. Hamilton District, No. 5.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?
The Hiram ...	2	Hamilton..	12	1	13	48	13	\$1.50 3.00	285 12	12	12	4	2	..	..	3	300	12	13	14	12	..	\$ 4330.10	\$ 3193.10	\$ 1140.00	\$ 341.50	\$ Jointly	\$ 25.00	Good	Yes.
St. John's ...	6	Hamilton..	12	3	15	33	5	1.50 3.00	272 21	16	2	2	2	1	..	2	289	16	16	15	136	..	2260.25	706.08	2966.33	390.00	Jointly	5.00	Good	Yes.
St. Clair.....	75	Milton....	7	5	12	16	2	1.50 3.00	44 7	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	50	6	6	7	17	17	543.62	243.62	300.00	48.50	200.00	15.00	Ex.	Yes.
White Oak....	104	Oakville...	9	1	10	12	2	1.50 3.00	54 3	3	3	..	..	1	2	1	53	3	3	3	32	..	384.00	184.00	200.00	110.00	200.00	40.00	Good	Yes
Ancaster.....	155	Ancaster..	12	..	12	12	1	1.50 3.00	18 8	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	26	8	8	8	4	..	156.70	56.70	100.00	38.65	.....	5.00	Fair	Yes

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor herewith to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry and Masonic affairs in the above district.

I regret that it is impossible for me to report all the Chapters in my district as being in a flourishing condition; indeed, as regards Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel, it was impossible for me to arrange a date with them for my official visit, although I wrote them several times regarding it. The reason advanced was that their First Principal had removed from the town, and in his absence it was not possible to hold a meeting. I think under these circumstances that he should have arranged for some of the Past First Principals of the Chapter to fill the chair in his stead, as the interests of the Chapter, which he solemnly promised to promote in every way, have no doubt suffered by his neglect.

On the other hand, I am very pleased with the enthusiasm and devotion to the interests of the Order shown by most of the Principals and Companions throughout this district.

On October 25th, 1909, through the kindness of the officers and members of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, I was enabled to hold a Chapter of Instruction in their rooms under the supervision of R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer. At this Chapter of Instruction we had a good attendance from the various Chapters throughout the district and much instruction was derived from the work shown. Unfortunately, the Chapters most in need of the instruction were not represented.

Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, exemplified the Mark Master Mason's degree in a manner which showed much care in its preparation. At the close of the work the Grand Lecturer and other distinguished

Companions were pleased to compliment the officers of Chantry Chapter on the excellence of the work shown.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, then took charge of the proceedings and exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree in a thorough manner, which elicited much praise from those present.

The Companions then adjourned to the banqueting chamber, where they were entertained by Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, in a hospitable manner.

On returning to the Chapter rooms, R. E. Comp. Nixon gave an able address on "Lessons to be derived from the Mark Master Mason's degree."

The Royal Arch degree was then conferred upon the candidates by the officers of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford. As this is my own Chapter, I will not recount the many nice things that were said about the manner in which the work was done. Suffice it to say that it was declared almost perfect by the Grand Lecturer and other skilful Companions present.

The success of the Chapter of Instruction was largely due to the presence of R. E. Comp. Wm. Elliot, of Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell, who through his enquiries elicited much information for the benefit of the younger Companions.

One or two of the smaller Chapters of the district claim that the increase of the minimum fee has been a serious obstacle in the way of their securing new members, but I think that, from results, the objection to the increased fee has almost worn away by this time, and that in future there will be no complaint along this line.

HURON CHAPTER, NO. 30, GODERICH.—On Tuesday evening, April 20th, I paid my first official visit to this Chapter, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Dr. R. E. Cooper, P. G. S., of Seaforth, and E. Comps. W. G. Irwin and S. J. Mallion, of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, and saw the Mark degree conferred in an excellent manner by the First Principal and staff of officers. The

junior officers, on whom so much depends for the excellence of the work, deserve special mention. Another feature of my visit was to have the privilege of meeting R. E. Comp. Radcliffe, who, although afflicted with blindness for a number of years, still takes an active share in the Chapter work. It is needless to say that a Chapter wherein such a member is to be found is bound to be in a flourishing condition. The books of the secretary are well kept and the dues in good condition. At the close of the Chapter the visitors were entertained at a splendid banquet in an adjoining room.

THE MALLOCH CHAPTER, NO. 66, SEAFORTH.—On May 18th I visited Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth. The Royal Arch degree was put on in a very creditable manner by the First Principal and his staff of officers. This Chapter is to be congratulated on the fidelity shown by the Past Principals and also on the excellence of the material they possess in their present staff of officers. Upon the Chapter being closed I was entertained in a very hospitable manner by the Malloch Chapter at E. Comp. Neil's restaurant.

LEBANON CHAPTER, NO. 84, WINGHAM.—On May 19th, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Dr. R. E. Cooper, of Seaforth, and E. Comp. S. J. Mallion, of Stratford, I visited the above Chapter and had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch degree conferred by Dr. B. H. Hamilton and staff of officers. A very pleasing feature of my visit was meeting with V. E. Comp. Dr. Tamlyn. I find that any Chapter in the district where the Past First Principals still keep in touch with the work are invariably in good condition. The customary banquet was held at the close.

SAUGEEN CHAPTER, NO. 50, WALKERTON.—On November 16th I paid my official visit to this Chapter, but was very unfortunate in my selection of a date, as it rained steadily all evening, and as a number of their members are resident in the country and adjoining villages it was impossible for them to attend. I had a very pleasant visit with those who were present however, and

gave them any instructions that they desired as to the manner in which the work should be done. The books are well kept and dues well looked after.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, No. 147, LUCKNOW.—On November 18th I visited this Chapter. This is one of the Chapters in the district which is not in a flourishing condition at the present time. There is no enthusiasm shown by the officers in charge, and their prospects are not very bright. In order to pay my visit to them it was necessary that I should arrive in Lucknow early in the afternoon, which I did. About 7.30 the First Principal looked me up at the hotel at which I was staying and finding me there said he would call later for me. About 9 o'clock I visited their Chapter and found about ten members in attendance, a few of whom displayed some enthusiasm as regards the work. There were no candidates, so in an informal manner I gave them as much instruction as I possibly could. I think in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry that this Chapter should be well looked after by the incoming Grand Superintendent, as it appears to be in very poor shape at the present time.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, No. 63, KINCARDINE.—On November 19th I paid my official visit to this Chapter, and was royally entertained from the time I arrived there until I departed next morning. E. Comp. M. J. McPherson, First Principal, greeted me on my arrival, took charge of me after dinner, taking me around the town and introducing me to the different Companions, who are all enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons. On being introduced to one of the fairest of the young ladies of this charming town I was greeted as "the man on whom Elijah's mantle fell." If the possession of Elijah's mantle entails a spirit of prophecy I can prophesy confidently a very pleasant time for the succeeding possessors of Elijah's mantle on their visit to Kincardine. The reception in the Chapter room was as enthusiastic as that accorded me during the afternoon. The work of this Chapter is carefully looked after, and from the quality of the workmanship shown its prospects are very bright. The records of the Chapter are well kept and the dues well paid up. A very pleasant

hour was spent in the banqueting hall at the close of the proceedings in the Chapter room.

CHANTRY CHAPTER, No. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—On November 25th, 1909, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, accompanied by E. Comp. S. J. Mallion. This is one of the banner Chapters of the district, most of its members being very enthusiastic and diligent in their attendance. R. E. Comp. Dr. P. J. Scott, P.G.S., introduced us in the afternoon to a number of the Companions in the town, and we were pleasantly received everywhere. In the evening the Royal Arch degree was conferred by the First Principal and an excellent staff of officers. Very little criticism of the work was necessary, as under the superintendency of the Past First Principals who take an active interest in the Chapter, little fault could be found with the way the work was done. A banquet, with its accompanying toast list, was tendered the visitors at the close of the Chapter.

ELLIOT CHAPTER, No. 129, MITCHELL.—On December 7th I paid a very pleasant visit to this Chapter and had the pleasure of greeting such old Masonic friends as R. E. Comp. Elliot, E. Comp. Shaefer, E. Comp. John E. White, and others. The Mark degree was conferred in a splendid manner by E. Comp. White and officers. After the degree an informal discussion took place regarding the different degrees in Royal Arch Masonry, from which no doubt much benefit was derived. As I have noted elsewhere, any Chapter whose Past Principals continue to take a live interest in the affairs of the Chapter is in a prosperous condition. At the close of the Chapter a very enjoyable banquet was served.

ST. JAMES' CHAPTER, No. 46, ST. MARY'S.—On December 15th I paid my official visit to this Chapter and spent a very pleasant evening with them. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in an impressive manner by the First Principal and his staff of officers. They are getting in good material, and the prospects are very bright. I had the pleasure of greeting such old friends as R. E. Comp. H. F. Sharp, E. Comp.

H. A. L. White and E. Comp. Carman, and it is needless to say that under the supervision of E. Comp. Carman the books and dues of this Chapter are in good condition.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, STRATFORD.—On December 20th I was officially entertained by the officers and members of my mother Chapter, Tecumseh, No. 24, Stratford. This is not only the largest, but the best Chapter in the district, as it has any quantity of good material to draw from. The present staff of officers have never been excelled in the history of Tecumseh Chapter and the prospects of the Chapter are very bright.

Before closing I desire to thank the E. Principals and members of Huron District No. 6 for electing me to the highest honor in their gift. I have endeavored during my term of office to discharge the duties incumbent upon me to the best of my ability. My ideas of the duties of a district Superintendent are to promote uniformity in the work of the various degrees and to see that the various Chapters under his supervision are being looked after by the proper officers according to the terms of their obligations. I regret that in all cases it has not been possible for me to make such a report as I would have liked to, but I hope that the very few who have been dilatory in complying with the terms of their obligations will apply themselves with double diligence in the future to atone for their neglect in the past, and that they will preserve unsullied the honor which has been conferred upon them in electing them to the offices they have filled.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JNO. STEVENSON,

Grand Supt. Huron District, No. 6.

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

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Tecumseh...	24	Stratford....	10	4	14	20	21	1	50	\$	148	10	10	1	2	157	10	10	11	25	...	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	10.00	Good	Yes
Huron.....	30	Goderich.....	10	...	10	15	1	...	1.00	2.00	84	8	5	5	82	5	3	2	7	25.00	...	235.00	60.00	100.00	75.00	200.00	10.00	Good	Yes	
St. James'...	46	St. Mary's...	10	5	15	13	1	1	50	1.50	42	10	10	1	1	1	53	10	10	8	27	...	387.66	142.38	147.28	98.00	Good	Yes	
Saugeen.....	50	Walkerton...	9	...	9	9	1	2	50	2.50	28	1	1	1	1	...	27	1	1	2	16	...	262.10	62.10	200.00	65.88	Fair	Yes	
Havelock....	63	Kincardine...	11	2	13	1.50	2.00	64	5	5	1	68	5	3	1	15	55.00	300.00	...	Ex.	Yes	
The Malloch.	66	Seaforth.....	7	1	8	15	1	2	00	59	1	1	1	61	1	1	1	3	...	300.00	100.00	200.00	35.00	150.00	10.00	Good	Yes			
Lebanon.....	84	Wingham....	6	3	9	17	1	3	00	60	3	3	...	1	1	5	...	57	3	5	5	14	...	215.00	50.00	100.00	65.00	150.00	10.00	Fair	Yes			
Elliot	129	Mitchell.....	5	...	5	93	1	3	00	39	1	1	4	36	1	19	...	365.08	65.19	100.00	199.89	100.00	5.00	Fair	Yes			
Charity.....	130	Southampton	10	3	13	13	9	1	50	61	7	7	1	1	68	7	8	6	6	...	425.00	125.00	300.00	65.00	200.00	10.00	Good	Yes			
Bernard.....	146	Listowel.....	6	...	6	14	...	2	00	49	2	...	47	6	...	384.00	134.00	250.00	40.00	200.00	...	Good	Yes			
*Lucknow...	147	Lucknow.....		

*Could get no report although repeatedly asked for.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Niagara District, No. 7, for 1909. The Royal Craft has never been in a more flourishing condition than during the past year, and on all of my official visits my reception as your representative has been most cordial.

The Principals and officers of the various Chapters throughout the district are earnest and zealous in their endeavors in carrying out the requirements of the Grand Chapter. I have visited six out of the seven Chapters in the district, the explanation of which follows in the detailed report.

I am particularly pleased to report that the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees are receiving more consideration and care than in past years. I attribute this to the untiring efforts of R. E. Comp. Phipps, of Grimsby, during his term of office as District Superintendent.

The uniformity of work is marked, owing to the frequent interchange of visits of the Chapters throughout the district.

In obedience to the command of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., I wrote the First Principals re a Chapter of Instruction, but owing to various causes was unable to arrange for same.

In conclusion, I am pleased to report that great progress has been made in Niagara District during the past year, which is shown in the statistical report.

MCCALLUM CHAPTER, NO. 29, DUNNVILLE.—On April 16 I visited McCallum Chapter and was right royally entertained both before and after the convocation. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by V. E. Comp.

Amsden and officers of the Chapter in a manner which reflects credit on all who took part. The attendance was small on account of the inclement weather.

A banquet was served in the adjoining hall at the close of the convocation. On the following morning I visited several Companions who were ill, and had the honor of meeting R. E. Comp. T. L. M. Tipton, Past Grand Superintendent Niagara District, who, I am pleased to say, has since been restored to health. I also had the privilege of meeting E. Comp. Arch. Cooper, one of the oldest Masons in Canada, he having been initiated in Scotland in 1838. I congratulate this Chapter on having such an efficient Scribe E. as Comp. J. R. Robb, whose books are kept in a most creditable manner.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, NO. 19, ST. CATHARINES.—Accompanied by E. Comp. Ferguson, Comps. Lee, O'Melia and Ball, I paid my official visit to this Chapter on April 30th. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by E. Comp. Dwyer, assisted by R. E. Comp. George Burch and officers. The degree was conferred word-perfect. Comp. A. Riddel makes an ideal Principal Sojourner, his floor work being much above the average. The Masters of the Veils deserve special mention. Nowhere in the district have I seen the veil work so ably interpreted.

After the labors of the evening came a surprise for R. E. Comp. Evan Fraser, Past Grand Superintendent for this district for 1908, who was presented with the regalia of his rank by R. E. Comp. Samuel Gourlay on behalf of Mount Moriah Chapter. R. E. Comp. Fraser was much taken by surprise and expressed his appreciation in a few well-chosen remarks.

Mount Moriah Chapter has a record of which it should be proud, and the prosperity at present enjoyed points favorably to a brilliant future.

WILLSON CHAPTER, NO. 64, WELLAND.—On May 26th, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Bottomley, I paid my official visit to Willson Chapter and could scarcely credit the improvement that has taken place during the past

two years. Through the efforts of E. Comp. Cohoe and officers, Willson Chapter occupies the position of second to none in Niagara District. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a dignified and impressive manner. The Chapter quartette rendered several appropriate selections. I congratulate Willson Chapter on having adopted music in the working of the several degrees. At the close of the convocation a banquet was served.

That Willson Chapter will continue in its present prosperity is assured, it being in the hands of such enthusiastic and efficient officers.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER, No 57, PORT COLBORNE.—I arranged with the Scribe E. of this Chapter for October 7th as the night of my official visit. On my arrival in Port Colborne I found that no summons had been issued or any attention paid to my several letters. The statistical report is most incomplete. This Chapter is asleep.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, No. 76, NIAGARA FALLS.—On October 22nd I visited this Chapter, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Bottomley and E. Comp. Ferguson. The M. E. the Grand Z. paid a fraternal visit on that evening. Many visitors were present from surrounding Chapters, among whom were several prominent Companions of Niagara Chapter, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by E. Comp. Harriman, assisted by E. Comp. R. F. Carter, C. C. Vanderberg and officers in a manner which does credit to the long years of prosperity that this Chapter has enjoyed. Particularly well pleased am I to report that this Chapter, financially, is first in the district. The Treasurer shows \$840 cash on hand after deducting large sums to charity.

V. E. Comp. Sloggett, as Scribe E., and Comp. V. H. Robinson, Treasurer, are able and capable officers whose services are appreciated by the Companions of Mount Nebo Chapter.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, No. 69, GRIMSBY.—On Monday, November 1st, I visited Grimsby Chapter. A large number of Companions were present. After routine business the Chapter was called off to enable the Companions to

prepare for the Mark Master degree. E. Comp. Calder, as W. M., assisted by E. Comp. Harrison and officers, conferred the Mark Master degree in a faultless manner. In fact I have never seen the work done better, every officer doing his allotted part with an accuracy that is seldom equalled. The manner in which the Companions of Grimsby Chapter confer the several degrees is well known from one end of the district to the other.

I was particularly pleased to meet so many elderly Companions, who by their regular attendance show an example to the younger Companions of other Chapters, many of whom would do well to copy the example of their elders of Grimsby Chapter No. 69. The financial condition of this Chapter is excellent, back dues being almost unknown. The Scribe E., Comp. Falconbridge, keeps the books in a neat and orderly manner, and much credit is due him for the excellent condition of Capitular Masonry in Grimsby.

NIAGARA CHAPTER, No. 55, NIAGARA.—On December 2nd I paid my official visit to this, my mother Chapter. It being the night of election of officers, no degree work was exemplified. A bright and efficient staff of officers were elected, who will have much to do during this coming winter. As I have closely observed the officers during the year, I can vouch that Niagara Chapter is still doing the same good work and holding its excellent record of past years.

The Scribe E., Comp. Richard Briggs, and Treasurer, E. Comp. O. Taylor, keep the books of the Chapter in a neat and orderly manner. The Companions appreciate the regular attendance of such efficient officers. The loyalty of the Companions of Niagara District, No. 7, to the Grand Chapter of Canada has been demonstrated on all my visits. My successor in office will find a district void of strife and contention, all working harmoniously for the common good.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

FRED. J. McCLELLAND,
Grand Supt. Niagara District, No. 7.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?	
Mt. Moriah..	19	St. Catharines...	10	1	11	21	\$1.50	129	13	14	1	2	136	14	14	13	\$	861.21	\$	861.21	580.00	300.00	Good	Yes
McCallum..	29	Dunnville.....	11	2	13	16	2	1.50	58	8	7	1	..	1	..	..	66	7	7	7	..	25.00	500.00	50.00	..	Very large	300.00	15.00	Never better	Yes.
Niagara....	55	Niagara.....	9	5	14	15	3	1.20	39	3	3	..	..	2	..	..	40	3	3	3	5	30.00	500.00	45.00	450.00	60.00	400.00	5.00	Good	Yes
King Hiram	57	Port Colborne...	6	..	6	12	2	1.50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Poor	Yes.
Willson	64	Welland	9	3	12	25	3	3.00	90	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	92	2	2	2	25	..	150.00	150.00	300.00	150.00	300.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
Grimsby....	69	Grimsby.....	9	1	10	20	1	1.50	84	7	6	..	..	..	..	1	89	5	3	5	9	..	525.00	125.00	400.00	30.00	400.00	15.00	Good	Yes.
Mount Nebo	76	Niagara Falls..	12	..	12	18	6	3.00	161	9	8	1	..	1	9	3	158	7	4	4	..	..	400.00	800.00	..	2.80	..	150.00	Good	Yes.

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor herewith to present my report of the Toronto District Royal Arch Masons for the year 1909.

This has been probably the most prosperous year that the Royal Craft has ever experienced in this district, since, in addition to the activity evidenced by the Craft in numerical increase of members and the financial improvement resulting from this, there has been apparent a desire for more intercommunication, more social and fraternal visiting, and a kindlier feeling of companionship than has heretofore existed.

The St. Patrick Chapter must especially be commended in this regard, since during the year, besides paying several visits to American Chapters in connection with the progress of the travelling triangle, they have visited in a body every other Chapter in the district. Under instructions from the M. E. the Grand Z. two district Chapters of Instruction were held during the year. Under the auspices of St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter on Nov. 19th, The Beaches Chapter, under the direction of E. Comp. John McCurrah, presented the Mark degree in probably the most finished manner it was ever exemplified in this district.

At a special convocation December 11th, The St. Patrick Chapter, with E. Comp. Smith, Z., presented the Holy Royal Arch degree. M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, G.Z.; R. E. Comps. F. Harcourt, G.H.; Geo. J. Bennett, G.S.E.; J. B. Nixon, G. Lecturer; M. E. Comp. Donald Ross and R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, of the Grand Council, were present and offered many valuable suggestions and much interesting information, which was of great assistance to and highly appreciated by all present.

These meetings showed most conclusively the wisdom of the M. E. the Grand Z. in insisting on Chapters of Instruction being held.

During the year I have received much kindly help, advice and encouragement from R. E. Comps. Dr. Clark and H. T. Smith, M. E. Comp. Donald Ross and E. Comp. Jos. Doust, district secretary.

ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. JOHN'S, No. 4, TORONTO.—This Chapter is now in the one hundred and tenth year of its existence, the absolute continuity of its connection with St. John's Chapter, organized on the festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24th, A.D. 1800, having been fully worked out and established by documentary evidence arranged and tabulated by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith. Grand Chapter has on many past occasions been indebted to this old and stable Chapter. Many Chapters of Instruction have been held under its auspices and much Masonic knowledge diffused by it. During this year I am again under obligation to it for arranging and most successfully carrying on the Chapter of Instruction at which The Beaches Chapter so ably and instructively worked out the M. M. M. degree.

At the regular meeting held on Friday, May the 21st, I made my official visit, and the R. A. degree was exemplified in an excellent manner by W. S. Jackson, Z., and the regular officers of the Chapter.

On October 11th this Chapter held a "Flag night," when E. Comp. A. W. Jolliffe presented the Chapter with a beautiful large Union Jack which had been on H. M. first-class battleship "Prince of Wales," and was presented to E. Comp. Jolliffe by an officer of the vessel. E. Comp. W. S. Jackson accepted the flag on behalf of the Chapter in a few well-chosen words, and then called upon R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith for further acceptance of the flag by the Chapter. The latter, in an able manner, after referring to the genuineness of the flag, said that the only reliable Union Jacks are those of the royal navy and British Government flag ships. Upon its folds is the Cross of St. George of England, the distinguishing mark of the Crusaders. He gave a very lucid and interesting description of the combination of crosses and their heraldic significance.

On this occasion the Chapter was favored with the following distinguished Companions: R. E. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, G.H., Geo. J. Bennett, G.S.E., Dr. D. A. Clark, P.G.S., Henry T. Smith, P.G.S., R. W. Cleslo, P.G.S., V. E. Comp. H. S. King, P.G.S.S., E. Comp. T. B. Cole and a number of other well-known Companions.

St. Andrew's and St. John's takes much pride in its long, honorable and successful career. Whether at work in degree or deliberation in business a quiet, ripened maturity of thought and action is always apparent, and its Companions are taught by history, precept and example to be strong men and vigorous, loyal Masons. It still maintains its high state of excellence and is progressing in the most satisfactory manner.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, NO. 8, TORONTO.—I visited this Chapter on Tuesday, May 27th, when the M. E. M. degree was exemplified by A. H. Lougheed, Z., and the regular officers of the Chapter, the degree being exemplified in a most impressive and beautiful manner. This is a live Chapter. Under the guidance of its energetic First Principal they have made great strides this year, having admitted 26 members. They are full of enthusiasm and intend to maintain their high standard of excellence.

This Chapter on the 28th of October instituted the first "Canada Night," when St. John's Chapter, Hamilton, exemplified the M. M. M. degree. Among the 250 Companions present were M. E. Comps. Geo. Moore, G.Z., Donald Ross, P.G.Z., and Dr. Donald Darrach, P.G. High Priest, Nova Scotia, R. E. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, G.H., Geo. J. Bennett, G.S.E., H. T. Smith, P.G.S., Dr. D. A. Clark, P.G.S., William Ray, P.G.S., Ottawa District; W. J. Lake, P.G.R., V. E. Comps. James G. Boyce, H. S. King, E. Comps. Dr. R. King, P.G.S.S., Dr. R. MacNeill, P.H.P., St. John, N.B., and the E.Z.'s of nearly all the Chapters in the district. E. Comp. Lougheed presided at the festive proceedings and made a most excellent toastmaster. The toast of the Grand Chapter was responded to in a very capable

manner by M. E. Comp. George Moore, G.Z. The toast to Canada was proposed in eloquent terms by E. Comp. N. H. Wardrope, Hamilton, and the reply to the toast by E. Comp. W. N. Ponton, of Belleville, was a most masterly affair. King Solomon's Chapter has a great future before it.

DORIC CHAPTER, No. 60, NEWMARKET.—This Chapter has a very small district to draw from, consequently they are not increasing very rapidly, last year having taken in no new members, but this year they are doing much better and have added six new members to their list.

I made my official visit on Wednesday, the 5th of May, and the R. A. degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner by E. Comp. E. A. Coombs and the regular officers of the Chapter. E. Comp. Coombs is a most efficient officer, and under his guidance the Chapter seems to have taken on new life. E. Comp. J. E. Hughes, Scribe E., is a painstaking officer, and the books of the Chapter are beautifully and accurately kept, there being no outstanding dues and no liabilities.

YORK CHAPTER, No. 62, TORONTO.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on April 1st, when the H. R. A. degree was exemplified for my inspection by E. Comp. W. F. Goulding and the regular officers of the Chapter. This is certainly a live Chapter. The officers are most enthusiastic, and their work is second to none of any Chapter in the district. They are making a good, healthy increase in their membership, and intend to rank high in the district.

I wish to congratulate the Chapter upon their entry into their new hall, which is a credit to them, and should be an inspiration to others.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, No. 65, TORONTO.—For many years this Chapter has been the home of ritualistic accuracy and exact business methods. Under E. Comp. Riggs, the high standard which the Companions of St. Paul's demand of its presiding head and his officers has been fully maintained. Quiet, dignified, accurate in most

trivial matters, but ever faithful, watchful and persistent, he has made an ideal First Principal for even St. Paul's, and his election to a second term for the second time only in its history is a fitting tribute to his zeal and personal worth.

At the April convocation, this Chapter was honored by the presence of the "perfect Grand East" in the persons of M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, G. Z., and R. E. Comps. Harcourt, G. H., and Judge MacWatt, G. J., accompanied by many officers, past and present, of Grand Chapter, and the Z.'s of several city Chapters. I visited the Chapter officially on May 12th, when the M. M. M. degree was presented in a manner leaving nothing to be desired. When St. Paul's is at work, whether in the quarry or the vineyard, every officer does his full duty.

The Chapter has had no suspensions for nine years. It has absolutely no outstanding dues. Has the largest cash surplus in the district, is perfectly equipped, and is solid and substantial in every particular.

OCCIDENT CHAPTER, NO. 77, TORONTO.—This is the "busy" Chapter of the district, never requiring any advice to bestir themselves. Thirty-four candidates were initiated during the year, and all the degrees are worked with an intensity and enthusiasm that keeps not only the officers but all the members wide awake. They hold an annual excursion to Niagara Falls, and a theatre party, which brings the members and their families into closer social relationship, and does much towards cementing the membership.

On the occasion of my first visit to Occident, in February, I had the pleasure of presenting the retiring Grand Superintendent, Dr. Clark, with the regalia of his office, and at the same time E. Comp. Repath, on behalf of the Z.'s of the district, presented the R. E. Comp. with a physician's bag as a slight appreciation of his work.

I was present at many regular meetings of Occident Chapter, and have seen all degrees worked by its officers, but at my official visit, on April 9th, the M. E. M.

degree was specially presented for inspection. The officers of Occident are all accurate ritualists, are enthusiastic and painstaking, so that any work of theirs cannot be other than commendable.

Several fraternal visitations were made by Occident during the year, one of the most important being a return visit to the Hiram Chapter, Hamilton. Nearly one hundred Companions accompanied E. Comp. Falconer on the occasion, and along with myself were R. E. Comps. H. T. Smith and P. T. Lee. As a memorial of the visit, the Chapter received from Hiram Chapter a beautiful set of candlesticks, which were accepted on behalf of Occident, by E. Comp. Falconer in a few well-chosen words.

This Chapter has again this year made the largest addition to membership; has had the largest average attendance to its meetings; has a splendid equipment of regalia, etc., a substantial cash balance, and gives evidence of success and prosperity from every standpoint. R. E. Comp. Clemens still continues to give his valuable services as Scribe E., and E. Comp. Falconer has ably followed up the progressive work of E. Comp. Repath.

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 79, TORONTO.—This, my mother Chapter, I visited at nearly all its regular convocations, and therefore had an opportunity of seeing all the degrees worked. I made my official visit on April 22nd, when the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by E. Comp. John Jolly with care and correctness which could not fail to make a most excellent impression upon the candidates. All the officers of the Chapter filled their respective positions most acceptably. They initiated nine candidates during the year, which is not large, but the Chapter is having a good, steady growth, and is in good financial condition. The Companions are most enthusiastic, and according to their membership enjoy a very good average attendance. I cannot refrain at this time from making special mention of V. E. Comp. F. H. Anderson, Scribe E. of the Chapter. There is no set of books in the district more neatly, accurately and carefully kept. I predict a good future for Orient Chapter.

ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, No. 91, TORONTO.—This Chapter, like others, in the past seems to have had rather uphill work, but in 1908, with E. Comp. J. J. Hoidge in the chair, the Chapter seemed to take new life, and they had a very excellent year, initiating nine candidates. This year the good work was continued by E. Comp. P. K. Perry, when nine more were initiated, and the Chapter is now becoming, as formerly, one of the active Chapters of the district.

I made my official visit on June 21st, when the M. E. M. degree was exemplified in a most excellent manner, and I certainly congratulate E. Comp. Perry upon the renewed activity of the Chapter. The books are excellently kept; their finances are in good condition, and I predict a great future for Antiquity Chapter.

SUCCOTH CHAPTER, No. 135, UXBRIDGE.—I made my official visit to this Chapter, when the R. A. degree was exemplified, and I was more than pleased with the manner, which would surprise many of the city Chapters. This is one of the most wide-awake Chapters in the district, and this year has been one of their best, having initiated eleven candidates, and they all seem to be most enthusiastic workers, always having a fair average attendance, notwithstanding many of the Companions have to drive 15 to 18 miles. One of the features of this Chapter is their "ladies' night," held in October. I unfortunately missed the train, and consequently did not attend, but the Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. George Moore, was there and reported a most enjoyable time.

This Chapter has a very small field to draw from, consequently eleven new members is an excellent showing, but what they lack in numbers they make up in enthusiasm.

V. E. Comp. V. M. Hare is one of the most excellent Scribe E.'s in the district, having not a single member in arrears for dues and no liabilities and a good cash balance on hand. I consider this Chapter in a most flourishing condition, and will in the future give a good account of itself.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, NO. 138, WEST TORONTO.—I visited Shekinah Chapter, April 13th, the R. A. degree being worked, E. Comp. Jesse C. Smith, Z., presiding. Nothing but the highest praise can be accorded to such work as that of Shekinah Chapter. It gave evidence of much careful preparation and faithful adherence to detail. E. Comp. Smith well deserves the success which has attended his term in the chair. He loves the Royal Craft as he loves all humanity.

At the December convocation, assisted by R. E. Comp. Dr. Clark, I installed the officers for 1910. A most pleasant evening was spent among the "family" of Shekinah, the Chapter resembling more closely a family group than a society. The Chapter has just entered into the new home of Masonry in West Toronto, which is a beautiful structure and most creditable to the Craft of that section of the city. The condition of Shekinah need give the Grand Chapter no concern. It is progressive and progressing.

THE ST. PATRICK CHAPTER, NO. 145, TORONTO.—This has been during this year the most active Chapter in the district. Early in his term of office E. Comp. Smith determined to visit in a body every other Chapter in the district. This he has practically accomplished, and, in addition, has visited with his officers and Companions several of the trans-border Chapters. Probably nothing has done more in many years towards enthusing and awakening the sister Chapters than these visitations, and, although requiring much work and self-sacrifice on the part of The St. Patrick Companions, have been of great good to Capitular Masonry.

A most unique feature has been the progress of "the travelling triangle," which started on its mission January 29th, 1909. After dedication by the Grand Z., it has passed successfully through Keystone Chapter, Buffalo; McKinley Chapter, Cleveland; King Cyrus Chapter, Detroit; Keystone Chapter, Indianapolis, Ind., and Lincoln Park Chapter, Chicago, where 1,700 sat down at the banquet, and has everywhere caused great enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, March 14th, the Chapter was favored by a return visit of Keystone Chapter, Buffalo. This meeting was, with the exception of "Canada Night," by King Solomon's Chapter, the largest Capitular function held in Canada during the year, and was the occasion of the meeting of many most distinguished Companions from both sides of the national boundary. The assembly was graced by the presence of M. E. Comp. George Moore, Grand First Principal, His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, R. E. Comp. J. M. Gibson; R. E. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, G.H., Judge MacWatt, G.J., Geo. J. Bennett, G.S.E., James Nixon, G. Lect., H. T. Smith, P.G.S., Dr. Clark, P.G.S., together with the First Principals of nearly all the city Chapters.

From across the line there were E. Comp. Fred. A. Busch, H.P., Keystone Chapter, 163, Buffalo; E. Comp. Earl N. Blood, M. E. Comp. F. F. Gilbert, P.G.H.P., together with 45 visitors from Buffalo and 156 visitors from the various jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter officers were introduced by M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, who is a much-loved and faithful member of The St. Patrick Chapter. E. Comp. C. G. Smith, Z., presided at the banquet in a very able and happy manner, where a most enjoyable time was spent.

My official visit occurred on April 17th, and while the social side has ever been made a distinctive feature of The St. Patrick meetings, the work of this evening, as also that presented at the Chapter of Instruction in December, showed that the truly Masonic and ritualistic features are not being neglected either by its Principals or subordinate officers.

The St. Patrick Chapter is active, enthusiastic and progressive, and its members particularly loyal to and always willing to make any sacrifice for their Chapter. Under E. Comp. Milne, who was installed Z. for 1910, at its last convocation, its continued success is assured, he having proved his zeal and worth by years of service. In Comp. H. Leeson the Chapter possesses an ideal Scribe E.

THE BEACHES CHAPTER, No. 163, TORONTO.—This is the youngest Chapter in the district, but by no means the least efficient. Indeed those who had the opportunity of seeing this Chapter at work in M. M. M. degree at the Chapter of Instruction without hesitation pronounced the exemplification the most precise, accurate and dignified they had ever seen. Much of this perfection of attainment is due to E. Comp. J. McCurrah, who has been untiring in his efforts on behalf of the Chapter. He has able and willing assistants in E. Comp. Grierson, Hardy and Clark and the other officers. Comp. Fudge is making a capable and active Scribe E.

In addition to my official visit on May 3rd, when the R. A. degree was worked with the same provision as the M. M. M. at the Chapter of Instruction, I had the pleasure of again visiting them at their January convocation and, assisted by R. E. Comp. Dr. Clark, installed their officers for 1910. A most profitable and enjoyable evening can always be spent with The Beaches Chapter, and for accuracy of ritual, dignity and decorum in the Chapter room, zeal and activity in the cause of R. A. Masonry, they are the equal of any in the district.

My term of office has been exceedingly pleasant in every particular. I have at all times received the greatest kindness and courtesy from the Companions and have been accorded everywhere the most enthusiastic reception. On entering the duties of office I found all things in harmony. I believe and trust I leave them the same with increased enthusiasm and additional zeal in the service of the Royal Craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

G. B. FOSTER,

Grand Supt. Toronto District, No. 8.

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GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It is with pleasure I submit this my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9. I am glad to report that peace and harmony prevail, and prosperity abounds throughout the district.

All the Chapters have been visited during the year, and the work done in most cases was of a high order. I regret that I was unable to visit Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, at Sault Ste. Marie, and Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, at Sudbury. I am indebted to R. E. Comp. McCrae and to R. E. Comp. Reed for visiting and reporting on these two Chapters respectively. Besides having these and other distinguished members with them regularly, these two Chapters had the advantage of a visit from R. E. Comp. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., during his recent memorable tour.

Two new Chapters have been organized by me in the district, "Kichikiwana," located at Midland, on the 26th of April, 1909, and "Temiscaming," located at New Liskeard, on the 29th of October, 1909. R. E. Comp. Hallett accompanied me on the former occasion and installed the officers; and the officers of St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay, accompanied me on the latter occasion, and, besides helping to organize the new Chapter, afterwards conferred the degrees on a class of twenty-five candidates. The prospects of these two Chapters are good, the future of Temiscaming being particularly promising.

It was my intention to meet the wishes of Grand Chapter by holding a Chapter of Instruction during the year, but after due consideration and having regard to the great distance separating the various Chapters, I concluded that the results for good would not be commensurate with the trouble and expense that this function would entail.

I have, however, endeavored to encourage the Chapters more closely situated to exchange visits in order that greater uniformity in working the difficult degrees may be attained.

I feel constrained to say that Georgian District as at present constituted is very much out of proportion, and I strongly recommend to Grand Chapter the notice of motion looking to the formation of the New Ontario district.

In closing my report, I wish to bear testimony to the uniform kindness and consideration which I have received at the hands of the Companions on my various visits. My term of office has indeed been a pleasant one, and I transfer the gavel to my successor, cherishing in my memory the many happy associations of the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALEX. COWAN,

Grand Supt. Georgian District, No. 9.

Barrie, January 21st, 1910.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?	
Manitou.....	27	Collingwood...	10	1 11	..	..	2.00	113 16	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 116	9	7 10	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Signet.....	34	Barrie.....	9	2 11	13	..	2.00	223 10	10	..	2 3	..	..	..	..	4 228	9	9 10	178	70.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Georgian.....	56	Owen Sound...	10	2 12	18	1	2.00	125 10	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	128	8	6 6	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand River.	70	Bracebridge...	5	1 6	10	2	2.00	75 3	2	1	1	2	3	1	..	71	2	2 2	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Macpherson..	86	Meaford.....	8	..	8 12	..	2.00	64 1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuscan.....	95	Sudbury.....	9	1 10	13	1	2.00	76 5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 77	4	4 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Algonquin...	102	Sault Ste. Marie	12	6 18	19	2	2.00	198 11	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	2 202	8	9 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. John's...	103	North Bay....	9	3 12	14	1	2.00	93 24	21	1	..	..	..	..	..	113	21	21 21	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Amabel.....	131	Warton.....	10	1 11	13	1	2.00	50 4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	4	4 3	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kichikwana.	U.D.	Midland	5	..	5 19	5	3.00	26 11	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	37	10	10 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Temiskaming	U.D.	New Liskeard.	3	..	3 14	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	31	31 31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the progress and condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10, for the past term.

I am pleased to state that peace and harmony prevail throughout the district, and that progress, prosperity and a general desire to impart the work in the most efficient and impressive manner seems to be the ambition of the officers of the several Chapters in this district. Scribes E. have been attentive and painstaking, yet in some of the Chapters I should like to see a smaller number of Companions in arrears for dues exceeding one year.

My first official act was the issuing of a circular letter addressed to all the Chapters of my district, in which I announced the appointment of Comp. A. H. C. Long as Scribe E. of the district. Comp. Long is a most enthusiastic Mason, a P.D.D.G.M. of Otonabee District, No. 20, in the Grand Lodge, and probably the youngest to fill such an office.

One new Chapter has been instituted during my term of office, "Ionic," at Campbellford, on March 17th, 1909, by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, R. E. Comps. W. S. R. Murch, R. C. Smith and myself. This Chapter has a good start, and ought to prosper with the officers and material at its disposal.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 139, HAVELOCK.—On 6th April I visited St. Andrew's Chapter. The Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees were exemplified in a most satisfactory manner. Comp. W. H. Harper is a very efficient officer, keeps his books in neat form, and is a loyal Companion who deserves much credit.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 35, WHITBY.—I visited 21st May. The M. E. M. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Harper and his staff of officers in a very creditable manner.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 45, COLBORNE.—I next visited 1st June. I was accompanied by eight Companions from Victoria Chapter, No. 37. The R. A. degree was conferred on two candidates by E. Comp. Thorne and his officers in a very impressive manner. E. Comp. H. J. Mayhew, Scribe E., is one of the most enthusiastic Masons in the district.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 48, COBOURG.—I paid my official visit to St. John's Chapter on 30th July. This Chapter has made good under the guidance of E. Comp. Gould and his officers. Seven Companions from Excelsior Chapter were awaiting the fourteen Companions of Victoria Chapter who accompanied me. The work of the evening was the R. A. degree, and I was much impressed with its exemplification.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 37, PORT HOPE.—I next visited my own Chapter, Victoria, No. 37, on 8th October. This Chapter is in a flourishing and progressive condition. E. Comp. F. H. Brown and his staff of officers, of whom all the elected and appointed were in their respective chairs, conferred the R. A. degree on two candidates in such a manner as to call forth a measure of commendation from the best of critics, and I, like my predecessor in office, think this the banner Chapter of the district, with Excelsior and Corinthian close seconds.

WARKWORTH CHAPTER, No. 110, WARKWORTH.—I visited this Chapter on 3rd November, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Bellamy and four other Companions of Excelsior Chapter. There was no degree work to do, and after remarks on Capitular Masonry and its officers by the visiting Companions, a pleasant time was spent after the close of the Chapter.

PRESQU' ISLE CHAPTER, No. 144, BRIGHTON.—To this Chapter I paid my visit on 3rd November. There was no work on hand, but from the remarks of the officers the future ought to be good.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, No. 94, LINDSAY.—This Chapter was visited on 18th November, with no work on hand. I assisted in the election of officers. This Chapter has one of the most faithful Scribe E.'s of the district.

KING DARIUS CHAPTER, No. 134, CANNINGTON.—I visited on 1st December. The work of the evening was the M. E. M. degree, conferred upon one candidate. The prospects of this Chapter seem bright.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 36, PETERBOROUGH.—I paid my visit to Corinthian Chapter on 8th December, accompanied by Comps. A. H. C. Long and Thomas Walker of Victoria Chapter. The work in the R. A. degree was very well rendered by the officers, and the Chapter is in a flourishing condition. I was impressed with the strong array of P. Z.'s present.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, No. 28, OSHAWA.—This, my last visit, was made on 14th January, 1910. After the R. A. degree had been conferred upon two candidates, I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year.

To you, M. E. Sir, I owe a deep debt of gratitude for your assistance at the Chapter of Instruction which was held in the Masonic Hall, Port Hope, on Wednesday, 10th November, 1909, and I am also indebted to the officers of Corinthian, Victoria and Excelsior Chapters for exemplifying the respective degrees upon that occasion. The Chapter of Instruction was well attended, and more uniformity in the work of the Chapters of the district will undoubtedly result.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the year in which I was honored as your Grand Superintendent will ever remain as a pleasant memory.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. SANDERS,

Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.

Port Hope, Ont., January 31st, 1910.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

As Grand Superintendent I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 11. In every Chapter progress is being made, and I have pleasure in reporting that peace and harmony prevail throughout the district.

During the year a Chapter of Instruction was held at Picton, and from every viewpoint I believe it to have been eminently successful and that some seed sown is now bearing fruit.

One idea that I have endeavored to promote is the appointment of a historian in each Chapter, who would make a complete record of all matters of interest since its institution. There are always hills of promise and valleys of gloom through which our Chapters have passed that prove "evergreens" to the Masonic spirit, instruct us in what our pioneer Companions did for our benefit, and buoy us on to better work. If this idea is thought worthy of being taken up generally by the Grand Chapter I would respectfully submit it for your consideration.

I wish to thank the Companions of the district for the honor they bestowed upon me in appointing me to the position of Grand Superintendent, and for their hearty support in every matter requiring their attention and assistance during the year.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 72, STIRLING.—It was my pleasure to be present at every meeting of my mother Chapter during the year, and at the regular convocation on May 27th visited it officially. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred in a very impressive form by E. Comp. J. Shaw and his officers. The Chapter is in a good position financially, is attracting the best quality of applicants, and an interested and enthusiastic spirit is exhibited in its members. During the year a number of suspensions for non-payment of dues were made, consequently the total membership is not as high as a year

ago, but it was deemed wiser to cut out the dead wood and at the present time all dues outstanding are considered as available cash. The district from which this Chapter can draw its membership is small, being circumscribed by Campbellford, Havelock, Madoc, Belleville and Trenton, but the prospects are bright for the incoming year. V. E. Comp. Alger make a most efficient Scribe E., and the support given the work by the past Principals, particularly E. Comp. Walt, is worthy of the highest commendation.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 31, PICTON.—On June 7th we held a Chapter of Instruction at Picton, and on this occasion I paid my official visit to Prince Edward Chapter. From every viewpoint this convocation, gathering together, as it did, all the Chapters of the district, was an eminent success, and I trust will have a lasting effect in adding to uniformity of the work, increasing the fraternal spirit and stimulating the Companions to become thoroughly posted in everything pertaining to the Royal Craft. We were especially pleased to have the Grand Z., M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore; the Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and R. E. Comp. Murch, of Kingston, with us on this occasion. The Chapter opened at 2.35 p.m., with large representations from Belleville, Madoc, Napanee, Trenton and Stirling, together with visiting Companions from several neighboring Chapters, the regular officers of Prince Edward Chapter occupying the chairs. After the ordinary business had been transacted, the Chapter was called off until 7.30 o'clock, and the Companions of Prince Edward Chapter conferred the Mark Master Mason's degree in a most exemplary manner.

A discussion followed the working of this degree, in which the Grand Z., the Grand Lecturer and R. E. Comps. W. S. R. Murch, Kingston; R. H. Spencer, Trenton; E. J. Walters and J. G. Fennell, Napanee; W. S. Morden, and E. Comp. W. C. Mikel, Belleville; V. E. Comp. A. Williamson, Madoc, and many others participated, and a number of valuable suggestions were given.

At 5.30 o'clock a lodge of M. E. M. was opened by the officers of Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee,

and that degree was conferred in a most creditable manner. A very interesting discussion was again participated in by a number of the Companions from the several Chapters.

At 7.30 o'clock labor was again resumed, and after the reception of the Grand Chapter officers the Companions of Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, exemplified the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a manner which elicited the most complimentary expressions. The M. E. the Grand Z. was called upon and gave a few very strong and pointed remarks. R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon then delivered an address on the "Signs and Symbols of Royal Arch Masonry," which was both interesting and edifying.

A sumptuous banquet was afterwards tendered the Grand Chapter officers and visiting Companions, after which toasts to "The King," "The Land of Our Birth and Adoption," "The Alert Defenders of Our Borders," "The Noble Institution We Cherish," "The Officials We Cheerfully Obey," "The Guests We Delight to Honor," "The Angelic Beings We Dutifully Cherish, Honor and Obey," were proposed and honored.

Prince Edward Chapter is, in many respects, an exemplary one, and only words of praise can be spoken regarding its work, enthusiasm and fraternal spirit. This district is under a deep debt of gratitude to it for the hearty manner in which it took hold and carried the Chapter of Instruction to so successful a culmination. E. Comp. McClellan and his officers made a splendid line-up, and only good work could be the result of their untiring efforts.

The work of the Scribe E., Comp. John L. Graydon, is of a superior class, the attractive wording of his summonses being a real credit to him.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, No. 26, TRENTON.—It was my pleasure to visit this Chapter on the evening of November 26th, and here received the hearty welcome and hospitable entertainment for which the Companions of St. Mark's are renowned. The attendance was not as large

as I would like to have seen, but unfortunately it was St. Andrew's night and a large dinner was being given by that society. There was no work on, but I believe that E. Comp. Siddell and his officers have conferred all the degrees during the year in a most commendable manner. The election of officers for the incoming year was held, and, judging from the past work of the Companions elected, I feel that the good work will be carried on. The average attendance is very fair, a good general spirit exists and the prospects for the incoming year are bright. One thing that commends itself to me especially in this Chapter is the excellent support given the work by the past Z.'s.

R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch of Kingston and R. E. Comp. H. Pringle of Belleville were with us at this meeting.

I cannot fail to mention the excellent condition in which I found the books of the Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Spencer. His unfailing devotion to the cause of Masonry is well known.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, No. 44, NAPANEE.—I was present at the regular convocation of Mount Sinai Chapter on Dec. 1st, which was the night of installation of officers for the incoming year. This work was done most acceptably by R. E. Comp. J. G. Fennell, assisted by R. E. Comp. E. J. Walters, and after the regular routine business was completed, the Chapter was closed and a lodge of Mark Master Masons opened, and the work of the degree exceptionally well done. This Chapter starts 1910 with considerable work, which is being entered into with a zeal that insures continued success. After the lodge was closed, the Companions assembled around the festive board, and a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

The Chapter is in a healthy financial condition, has the loyal support of a number of past Principals, which is a valuable asset, is enthusiastic in the work, and its prospects are good. A number of its members live in

Deseronto, Newburgh and other outlying points, and their great interest in promoting the success of the Chapter is worthy of the highest praise.

THE MOIRA CHAPTER, NO. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on December 7th, accompanied by E. Comp. Walt, of Keystone Chapter, Stirling, and although the night was very rough, I found a creditable attendance. The Mark Master Mason's degree was worked in splendid style, and I congratulate Moira Chapter upon its large number of stalwart, energetic workers. Considering that the roll shows 150 members in good standing, the average attendance is not as large as it should be, but I predict an eminently successful 1910. The Chapter is in a healthy condition generally, has large assets and no liabilities, its dues are well paid up, and it has considerable work on hand to be taken up by the newly-elected officers.

After the Chapter closed, a most enjoyable supper was partaken of by the Companions, following which, the usual toasts were honored.

A Chapter like this, which has the support of so large a number of active past Principals, cannot fail to succeed. The books of the Scribe E., E. Comp. Wm. McKeown, were found to be very satisfactorily kept, and his ardor in the work is worthy of emulation.

MADOC CHAPTER, NO. 161, MADOC.—I was accompanied on the occasion of my visit to Madoc Chapter, on Dec. 2nd, by Comp. W. J. Spry, of Keystone Chapter, Stirling, and may say that in none of my work did I experience so much real pleasure as I did here in seeing the splendid progress that this, the youngest Chapter of the district, has made. It has only been in existence two years, and has now a membership of 63, every one of whom is imbued with the desire to make the work progressive. It is strong financially, has very little dues outstanding, and the brightest of prospects. This immense success is attributed to the unwavering and united support that has been given E. Comp. A. Williamson and

his officers by every Companion of the Chapter since its institution. There was no work on, but I know that the officers can confer all the degrees intelligently and impressively. The work of the Scribe E., Comp. W. J. Hill, was found to be highly satisfactory.

After the closing of the Chapter, an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where we partook of a most elaborate supper, at which the ladies were present, lending a grace and charm to the occasion. E. Comp. A. Williamson acted as toastmaster, and the speeches of Comp. Harrison and E. Comp. Moore in reply to the toast to "Canada" are worthy of mention. After the supper a most enjoyable little dance was participated in by all.

W. R. HOWSON,

Grand Supt. Prince Edward District, No. 11.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. ⁵ Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths, in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?
Keystone.....	72	Stirling...	10	1	11	13	1	\$3.00	58	2	4	1	..	2	6	..	54	4	6	6	18	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Good	Yes.
Prince Edward.	31	Pictou.....	9	2	11	20	8	1.50	177	8	6	..	2	2	8	8	167	6	7	8	15	..	375.00	300.00	..	75.00	300.00	..	Good	Yes.
St. Mark's.....	26	Trenton...	10	..	10	13	1	2.50	98	2	2	..	..	4	4	1	91	2	1	1	47	41.83	758.96	261.19	358.32	139.45	250.00	5.00	Very Fair.	Yes.
Mount Sinai...	44	Napanee...	7	2	9	14	1	1.50	78	9	6	..	..	2	..	2	80	6	5	5	22	75.00	595.00	200.00	250.00	145.00	300.00	15.00	Good	Yes.
Madoc.....	168	Madoc	9	1	10	14	..	1.00	63	4	2	1	..	..	..	1	65	2	4	3	12	..	912.00	300.00	600.00	12.00	700.00	5.00	Bright	Yes.
The Moira.....	7	Belleville..	10	4	14	18	3	2.00	144	19	13	1	2	2	5	3	150	13	12	10	28	..	Tr	ustees	Trustees	48.00	1200.00	25.00	Good	No.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 12: The district comprises eight Chapters, all of which I have visited, and have been received in a most cordial manner by the Companions. The question of holding a Chapter of Instruction was submitted to the Chapters, and was not generally favored.

SUSSEX CHAPTER, No. 59, and ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 100, BROCKVILLE.—My first official visit was paid to these Chapters at a joint meeting, held on April 6th, at which there was a large attendance of the Companions. The R. A. degree was conferred by the officers of both Chapters, the work being done in a faultless manner.

COVENANT CHAPTER, No. 113, CORNWALL.—Accompanied by Comp. Parker, of Brockville, I visited this Chapter on April 21st, there being a large number of Companions present, including R. E. Comps. Bisset and Fraid. The M. E. M. degree was conferred by the officers in a most satisfactory manner. This Chapter is to be congratulated on their very efficient Scribe E., in the person of Comp. J. Ridley.

LEEDS CHAPTER, No. 132, GANANOQUE.—I visited this Chapter on May 5th, being accompanied by E. Comps. Kyle and Dewey, of Brockville. There was a good attendance of the Companions. The M. E. M. and R. A. degrees were conferred by the officers, the work being exceedingly well done.

MAITLAND CHAPTER, No. 68, NORTH AUGUSTA.—Accompanied by R. E. Comp. Dowell and others, of Brockville, I visited this Chapter July 8th. There was no work, but from what I saw I am sure the officers are capable

and efficient. I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. Magee and V. E. Comp. Watchorn at this meeting.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT.—I visited this Chapter on Oct. 12th. There was a small attendance of the Companions. There was no work done, and I regret to report that the Companions of this Chapter do not appear to be very enthusiastic.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARAQUI, No. 1, KINGSTON.—I visited this Chapter on November 19th, accompanied by Comps. Morrison and Lee, of Brockville. There was a good attendance of the Companions. The R. A. degree was conferred by the officers in a first-class manner. I had the pleasure of meeting M. E. Comp. Shaw and R. E. Comp. Murch. I am much indebted to E. Comp. Bibby and Comp. Evans for many courtesies extended.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 112, MORRISBURG.—Accompanied by several Companions from Brockville, I visited this Chapter on Dec. 3rd. There was a large attendance of the Companions, the M. E. M. degree being conferred by the officers. The work was faultlessly done. The Companions are very enthusiastic, and the Chapter is in first-class shape.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions for the many kindnesses shown to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted.

A. S. KNAPP,

Grand Supt. St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergency.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Mem'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?				
Ant. Frontenac and Catarqui.	1	Kingston...	10	..	10	13	23.00	\$	88	12	6	1	..	1	6	..	88	6	3	4	5	\$	500.00	\$	77.00	\$	250.00	\$	163.00	\$	200.00	\$	15.00	Ex. Yes.
Grenville.....	22	Prescott...	4	..	4	10	22.00	22.00	66	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	68	1	1	..	34	37.00	350.00	100.00	250.00	128.00	200.00	25.00	Not Bright	Yes.	
Sussex.....	59	Brockville..	7	3	10	18	2.00	2.00	123	5	6	..	2	..	..	1	130	6	6	6	11	..	500.00	200.00	150.00	135.00	*B.of T.	15.00	Ex.	Yes.		
Maitland.....	68	N. Augusta	5	..	5	13	21.00	21.00	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	..	12	..	100.00	..	..	20.00	..	..	Fair	Yes.
St. Lawrence...	100	Brockville..	7	1	8	14	2.00	2.00	83	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	83	1	1	1	18	35.00	310.00	4.00	174.00	132.00	*B.of T.	..	Fair.	Yes.	
St. John's.....	112	Morrisburg.	8	..	8	16	32.00	32.00	64	2	1	1	..	1	..	1	64	1	1	1	11	46.00	..	20.00	Good	Yes.			
Covenant.....	113	Cornwall...	10	..	10	25	2.00	2.00	88	3	3	..	..	3	4	..	84	3	2	2	5	..	366.00	366.00	300.00	17.00	325.00	20.00	Good	Yes.		
Leeds.....	132	Gananoque.	10	1	11	20	12.00	12.00	108	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	108	1	1	1	13	..	310.00	..	350.00	70.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.

REMARKS—* Insurance, Board of Trustees.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS,—I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1909. At the outset, I desire to state that my official work in the district has been of the pleasantest nature, and my duties have been lightened by the loyal support which I have received at the hands of the Companions of my own Chapter at all times. The best of feeling prevails throughout the whole district, and, with two exceptions, the Chapters are all in good working condition.

GLENGARRY CHAPTER, NO. 143, MAXVILLE.—On May the 25th I made my first official visit to this Chapter, and was accompanied by E. Comp. J. Conley, of Renfrew. The work of the evening consisted in the conferring of the M. M. M. degree upon a candidate. The chair was occupied by E. Comp. Peter Munro, who, with the assistance of his officers, performed his duty in a satisfactory manner. The work in the other degrees was briefly discussed, and I find that the officers of this Chapter are in possession of a correct knowledge of the secret work. The duties of the Scribe E. are well done. His books are neatly kept, and the general affairs of the Chapter are in good condition. The meeting was well attended, and the officers and Companions all seemed to be interested in the work, which looks well for the future of Glengarry Chapter.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, NO. 133, SMITH'S FALLS.—My official visit to St. Francis Chapter was made on the regular meeting night, on June 11th, 1909. I was accompanied by E. Comp. W. M. Dickson, of Renfrew. The meeting was largely attended, and I was introduced to the Chapter by R. E. Comp. Martin, and was given a very warm welcome by the Companions, many of whom

are well known to me. The chair was occupied by E. Comp. Hyndman, and, with the assistance of his efficient staff of officers, the Mark degree was conferred upon a candidate in a faultless manner.

St. Francis Chapter is in excellent condition, and has a splendid field for its work. The Scribe E., Comp. G. W. Fluker, is an experienced and valuable officer. With such enthusiastic officers and so excellent a field for work, this Chapter is bound to remain one of the very best Chapters it has been my privilege to visit. After the business of the evening was completed, a very pleasant hour was spent, during which time a nice supper was served, and we were favored with some good speeches and music.

BONNECHERE CHAPTER, NO. 114, RENFREW.—This being my mother Chapter, it has been my privilege to be present at nearly all the meetings during the year, but I made an official visit on Oct. 18th, 1909. On this occasion I witnessed the conferring of the M. E. M. degree upon a candidate by E. Comp. Acton, First Principal of the Chapter, and on the same evening the Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp. W. M. Dickson, one of our stalwart past Principals. In both cases the work of the officers was well performed. I specially wish to commend the work of E. Comp. Dickson in the conferring of the Royal Arch; he performs his duty in a dignified and most impressive manner.

Through the whole year a fair amount of work has been done, and it has always been of good quality. The strength of this Chapter is in its old members, who always attend the meetings, and are ready and willing at all times to assist in any part of the work. The Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Wm. Hay, although not a young man, is a tower of strength to the Chapter. He is always at his post unless prevented by illness, and his large experience and extensive knowledge of Masonic law and procedure are of very great value to the Chapter. I personally wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to him for many valuable suggestions and much assistance during my term of office.

MAPLE CHAPTER, NO. 116, CARLETON PLACE.—On Nov. 17th, 1909, I made my official visit to Maple Chapter, No. 116. On this occasion I was accompanied by E. Comp. J. Conley, of Renfrew. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. The work of the principal officer was very good, and the secret work was properly communicated. Some points in the other degrees were afterwards discussed. This Chapter has suffered somewhat on account of removal from the town of a number of its members, but its financial condition is good, and it still has a number of excellent and enthusiastic members who are a guarantee of its future success. The business part of the institution is carefully managed by a very efficient Scribe E., Comp. A. H. Edwards, whose books I have examined and found in excellent condition.

CARLETON CHAPTER, NO. 16, OTTAWA.—The "Annual Reunion" and Chapter of Instruction, for which Ottawa has become famous, was held at the capital on Friday, Nov. 19th, 1909, and from every point of view it was a magnificent success. It was the largest gathering of Royal Arch Masons in a subordinate Chapter at which it has been my privilege to attend. The Chapter was particularly fortunate in being honored by the presence of R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer, who gave a very interesting and instructive address on "The Symbolism of the Mark Master Mason's Degree."

In the afternoon Covenant Chapter of Cornwall exemplified the Mark degree, and Maple Chapter, of Carleton Place, conferred the M. E. M. degree upon a large class of candidates. I regret to say that I was unable to be present during the afternoon session, but I am informed that the work done by the officers of the visiting Chapters was of a very high order.

In the evening I made my official visit to Carleton Chapter, and on this occasion the officers of Carleton Chapter, under the direction of E. Comp. R. S. Simpson, First Principal Z., conferred the Royal Arch degree upon a class of fourteen candidates. The work was particularly well done throughout the whole degree, and was a

splendid example of excellence for the many officers who were present from all parts of the Ottawa Valley. The work of the Principals was all that could be desired, and the manner in which the Principal Sojourner performed his duty was specially commendable. The mystical lecture was given by V. E. Comp. W. H. Garrioch in a manner which will long leave its impress on the minds of those present, and the whole work of the evening was so well done as to leave no room for criticism.

The business of the evening being concluded, the large gathering moved into the large assembly hall, where a splendid supper was served, and the usual toasts were proposed and replied to by the different Companions. Excellent addresses were given by Hon. Senator Ellis, of St. John, N.B., R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, of Toronto, Comps. Putman and Robertson, of Ottawa, and others. A good programme of music was rendered under the direction of Comp. Arthur Dorey, of Ottawa, and a most successful and profitable meeting was closed, with the Junior Warden's toast in the small hours of the morning.

GRANITE CHAPTER, No. 61, ALMONTE.—I had arranged to make an official visit to Granite Chapter early in the fall, but owing to an unfortunate fire which occurred in Almonte, and completely destroyed the building occupied by the Chapter, I was unable to do so. The complete outfit of the Chapter was destroyed, and I regret to say that the loss was only partially covered by insurance. I have personally seen Comp. Steele, Scribe E. of the Chapter, and he informs me that a complete new outfit is being secured for the Chapter, and as soon as new premises are completed the work will be commenced again.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 148, VANKLEEK HILL.—I made an appointment with the Companions of this Chapter to meet them at their regular meeting in November, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from doing so, much to my regret. I trust that my successor will make it his special duty to visit St. John's Chapter, as I am impressed with the belief that they are much in need of some such inspiration.

LAURENTIAN CHAPTER, NO. 151, PEMBROKE.—I regret to report that Laurentian Chapter has held no meetings during the year. I have tried, both by correspondence and by personal interview with some of the members, to awaken in them some interest in the work, but with no result so far. I offered to take up to Pembroke a full set of officers from my own Chapter, to either assist or exemplify any part of the work, but my offer was not accepted, as the Scribe E. told me he could not get a meeting. It is difficult for one to understand why Pembroke—the home of so many prominent Masons—should not have a live Chapter, but such is the case, and unless Laurentian Chapter puts her house in order during the coming year it would be better for her to surrender her charter to Grand Chapter.

PEMBROKE CHAPTER, NO. 58, MATTAWA.—This Chapter has had no meeting during the year, and has held no meeting for a long time previous to my term of office. I am informed that there are only three Royal Arch Masons at the present time who have their residence in Mattawa, and as the field of operation, even if the Chapter was in working order, which it is not, is very small, I fail to see that there is any future for Pembroke Chapter, Mattawa, and respectfully recommend Grand Chapter to call in the charter. I have very regretfully come to this conclusion, and wish to state that I have only done so after consultation with four Past Grand Superintendents of this district, who are fully acquainted with the condition of affairs in the district. I also attach a letter which I received from E. Comp. Haentschel on Dec. 4th, 1909.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions of Ottawa District for the honor they have conferred upon me by placing me in this high position, and also to acknowledge the kind attention and courtesy shown to me during my term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ALFRED S. WADE,

Grand Supt. Ottawa District, No. 13.

Renfrew, Ont., January 20th, 1910.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Mem'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?		
Carleton...	16	Ottawa.	10	4 14	..	3.00	164	19 19	4	..	3	1	179	17 19	19 45	..	1000.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pembroke..	58	Mattawa*....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Granite...	61	Almonte†....	4	..	4 11	..	1.50	61	1	1	..	60	2 14	250.00	563.00	313.00	250.00	65.00	200.00
Bonnechere	114	Renfrew.....	10	2 12	12	1	2.60	61	4	3	1	4	60	3	3	7	502.00	500.00	116.00	300.00
Maple.....	116	Carleton Pla.	7	1	8 12	..	2.00	67	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	1	1	4	..	800.00	600.00	300.00	70.00	300.00	10.00	300.00	..	..	..
. St. Francis	133	Smith's Falls	12	..	12 15	23.00	60	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	4	7	5	8	..	400.00	100.00	300.00	100.00	200.00	35.00	Ex.	Yes.	Yes.
Glengarry..	143	Maxville.....	12	..	12 10	..	2.00	51	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	52	2	1	13	80.00	..	72.45	600.00	178.00	400.00	10.00	Good	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
St. John's..	148	Vankleek Hill	10	..	10	9	3.00	44	1	1	..	3	1	39	1	1	21	125.00	770.00	157.00	450.00	163.00	437.00	..	..	..	..	..	Fair	Yes.	Yes.
Laurentian.	151	Pembroke*..

REMARKS—* No returns. † Suffered loss by fire.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I thank you for the honor you conferred on me a year ago, when you elected me Grand Superintendent of this district, and I now beg to submit my report for the year ending December 31st, 1909.

ATWOOD CHAPTER, NO. 149, RAINY RIVER.—I was exceedingly sorry not to have been able to visit this Chapter during my term of office. In the month of October I wrote to ascertain if I could pay them a visit, but as a satisfactory date could not be arranged, I was reluctantly obliged to abandon the trip. I understand, however, that the Chapter is in a healthy condition, and their report shows them as having held more meetings during the year than any Chapter in the district.

FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER, NO. 140, FORT WILLIAM.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on the evening of May 7th, about thirty members being present. E. Comp. Grant was in the east, and all the other officers were present, with the exception of the Second Principal, who was out of town on business. The R. A. degree was conferred, and I must congratulate the Chapter on the efficiency in which the work was done. The books of the Chapter were also found to be in an excellent condition. Fort William Chapter has most beautiful quarters, and for a young Chapter its growth has been phenomenal. After the work was concluded, a "fourth degree" was held in the dining hall adjoining, and several interesting addresses were delivered.

GOLDEN CHAPTER, NO. 90, KENORA.—This Chapter was visited on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th. Golden Chapter is in a very prosperous condition, and although no work was done, owing to the lateness of the season, I was furnished with ample evidence of the fitness of its officers to confer the various degrees in the best possible

manner. I was particularly impressed with the willingness of the older members to turn out and lend their aid in the carrying on of the good work of the Chapter generally. A banquet was given in honor of the occasion, and every possible courtesy extended to your humble representative.

SHUNIAH CHAPTER, No. 82, PORT ARTHUR.—On the evening of May 20th I visited this Chapter. Thirty-six Companions were present, six of whom were from Fort William Chapter. All the officers were in attendance with the exception of E. Comp. Forde, the Second Principal, who was absent through illness. R. E. Comp. Morgan occupied the east and conferred the Royal Arch degree. The work was beautifully done, and I may say in passing that in presenting the work in this manner, R. E. Comp. Morgan and his subordinate officers were only living up to their reputation. The books of the Chapter were also found to be in good order. After the business of the evening was concluded, a banquet was held, in which the work was carried on with surprising skill by every member and visitor who was lucky enough to be present. Another year will find Shuniah Chapter in their new quarters in the Masonic Temple, which is now under construction, and which will not be surpassed by any in the district.

ALBERTON CHAPTER, No. 152, FORT FRANCES.—I regret to say that this Chapter is not in a very prosperous condition, owing to circumstances over which they had no control. A little over a year ago they were unfortunate enough to lose their E. First Principal through a drowning accident, and since then several other officers of the Chapter have been called out of town, so that their affairs are in a somewhat disorganized condition. It is hoped, however, that before another year has passed, this young Chapter will be on its feet again.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. McKIBBIN,

Grand Supt. Algoma District, No. 14.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

		CHAPTER.	
		Number.	LOCATION.
Atwood....	149	Rainy River..	9
Ft. William	140	Fort William..	10
Golden....	90	Kenora.....	10
Shuniah...	82	Port Arthur...	9
Alberton*..	152	Fort Frances..	...
			Regular Meetings.
			Emergent.
			Total.
			Average Attendance Members.
			Average Attendance Visitors.
			Annual Dues, per Member
			No. Members last Return.
			Petitions Accepted.
			Candidates Initiated
			Affiliations.
			Restorations.
			Withdrawals.
			Suspensions.
			Deaths.
			Present Membership.
			M.M.M. Conf.
			M.E.M. Conf.
			R.A. Conf.
			No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears
			Liabilities.
			Assets.
			Cash or Securities.
			Property.
			Dues Outstanding
			Amount Insurance.
			Amount Expended in Benev'ce.
			Prospects.
			Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?

MANITOBA DISTRICT NO. 15.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

As Grand Superintendent, I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba District, No. 15, for the year ending December 31st, 1909.

PRINCE RUPERT'S CHAPTER, No. 52, WINNIPEG.—This being my mother Chapter, I was present at most of its meetings, and made two official visits. This Chapter is making rapid progress; the principal officers have faithfully performed their duties, and the degree work has been well done. A very pleasing event in this Chapter was the presentation, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, of a testimonial to M. E. Comp. John Leslie, Past Grand Z., by R. E. Comp. Robt. Magness. There was a large attendance on the occasion, and the R. A. degree was conferred, every chair being filled by Past First Principals, and the work was beautifully exemplified.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 99, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—I visited this Chapter at the regular meeting in April. All three degrees were conferred during the evening, and I was present while the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees were given, and was well pleased with the work. This Chapter is again a good live institution, and from all indications will so continue.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 101, BOISSEVAIN.—I had intended visiting this Chapter at their regular meeting in December, but was called away to the west, and was in consequence unable to do so, much to my regret. This is the only Chapter I did not visit, and I trust the Companions will excuse me. I am glad to learn from their reports that they are making steady and substantial progress, and the prospects for the future are very good.

KING EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 136, NEEPAWA.—I visited this live and rapidly growing Chapter at their regular meeting in April, and saw the M. M. M. degree well conferred. A pleasing feature in this Chapter was to see every Companion properly clothed in the authorized

regalia of the Order, a matter which is too much neglected in some of the Chapters, in this district, at least. I have no doubt but what this Chapter will continue to give a good account of itself.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 141, BRANDON.—I visited this Chapter at their regular meeting in November, and saw the M. M. M. degree ably conferred by the officers of the Chapter, assisted by R. E. Companion Dickson. This Chapter has not made much progress during the year, but the city is growing rapidly, and now has two blue lodges, and I find the officers very hopeful for the future, and trust their expectations may be realized.

AVONDALE CHAPTER, No. 156, HARTNEY.—I visited this Chapter at their regular meeting on the 31st December, and installed their officers for the ensuing year. The M. E. M. and R. A. degrees were ably conferred by retiring officers. This is the youngest warranted Chapter in the district, and has during the past year made excellent progress, which, I have no doubt, will be continued in the future.

RABBONI CHAPTER, U. D., DAUPHIN.—Under a dispensation received from the M. E. the Grand Z., and assisted by R. E. Companion Newman and E. Companion Hazelton, of Portage la Prairie, and a number of visiting Companions, I instituted this Chapter on the 4th of August and installed their officers. This Chapter starts out under very favorable auspices, being located in a rapidly growing town, in a good district, with no other Chapter near it, and I predict for it a bright and prosperous future. The officers have done good work in the blue Lodge, and I have no doubt will continue it in the Chapter.

A very pleasing event of the year was the visit of R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., to western Canada. The season of the year was not the best for holding representative meetings, but many of us had the privilege of getting acquainted with the R. E. Comp., and gaining light and knowledge from the extensive store his experience and study have placed at his disposal, and

which he so clearly and freely disseminates. R. E. Comp. Bennett has made a host of friends here, and will be most welcome to District No. 15 should he again favor it with a visit.

In the judgment of your Superintendent, the prospects of R. A. Masonry were never so bright in this district as at present, and, in his opinion, the principal fact to be regretted is that some of the Companions, whose ideas of Freemasonry, as a worthy Companion has expressed it, "culminate in a sword and a fez," have a tendency to regard the Capitular degrees as stepping-stones to be relegated to the past and forgotten when so-called higher degrees have been taken. The Capitular degrees will amply repay the most careful study, and, in my opinion, nothing more beautiful can be found in the whole structure of Freemasonry.

In conclusion, I wish to especially thank R. E. Comp. Newman and E. Comp. Hazelton for the assistance given me in instituting Rabboni Chapter at Dauphin, and to thank all of the Companions of the district with whom I have come in contact for their unfailing kindness and courtesy so cheerfully extended to me on all occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. DUCKER,

Grand Supt. District, No. 15.

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Prince Rupert	52	Winnipeg....	10	2 12 45	23.00	315	32	32	7	1	4	1	350	32	31	31	98	3222.13	1945.63	1276.50	600.00	800.00	50.00	Good	Yes.
Keystone ...	99	Port laPrairie	12	12 20	25.00	68	10	10	2	1	1	1	78	10	10	10	1000.00	500.00	500.00	105.00	400.00	.....	Ex.	Yes.
Corinthian....	101	Boissevain....	4	4 15	2.00	58	6	6	..	1	8	..	63	6	6	24	464.00	214.00	250.00	165.00	300.00	10.00	Ex.	*	
Avondale ...	156	Hartney	11	11 19	5.00	39	32	27	..	1	..	..	65	27	27	27	1220.00	920.00	300.00	230.00	300.00	25.00	Very Good	Yes.
Keystone ...	141	Brandon.....	10	1 11 12 11	3.00	72	4	3	..	2	..	2	71	3	2	2	696.49	696.49	†	412.00	200.00	.....	Good	*
King Edward	136	Neepawa.....	9	3 12 18 1/3	3.00	134	22	22	1	..	9	..	148	22	22	22	2700.00	2200.00	500.00	381.50	400.00	25.00	Good	Yes.	
Rabboni.....	U.D	Rauphin	4	2 6 12	64.00	..	19	19	14	..	..	..	33	19	18	17	35.00	750.00	Not given	56.00	500.00	.....	Ex.	Yes.

† Property not given.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

*To the M. E. Grand Z., Grand Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of
Canada:*

I have great pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in British Columbia District, No. 16. I paid official visits to the Chapters, and was received most cordially on every occasion as the representative of the M. E. the Grand Z.

This year we, in this far western district, had the pleasure of a visit from R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., with whom, in company with R. E. Comp. F. M. Cowperthwaite, Grand Scribe N., and E. Comp. Wm. Burns, I had the pleasure of paying a visit to Keystone Chapter, No. 127, Nanaimo, on the evening of July 28th, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp. J. M. Rudd and his officers in a very excellent manner, after which we were invited to partake of a luncheon at the Windsor Hotel.

On July 29th, in the same company, with the addition of E. Comp. T. Hudson, who took us in his auto to the thriving city of Cumberland, I visited Cyrus Chapter, No. 142, and had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch degree conferred by E. Comp. R. Hodson in a very creditable manner.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 127, NANAIMO.—On Wednesday, October 20th, 1909, I paid an official visit to this my home Chapter, in addition to my frequent visits during the year.

The work done here is very satisfactory in every respect. On Dec. 22nd, with the assistance of V. E. Comp. D. Alexander, Grand Organist, and E. Comp. J. M. Rudd, I installed the officers for the ensuing year.

Keystone Chapter is in a flourishing condition at present, being under the guidance of a thoroughly competent staff of officers. After the installation, E. Comp.

J. M. Rudd was presented with a beautiful Past Z.'s jewel by the Companions, as a token of their appreciation and esteem.

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER, No. 124, NEW WESTMINSTER.—On Friday, Nov. 26th, I paid an official visit to this Chapter. On my arrival I was met by E. Comp. A. J. Brine and Comp. Shaw, who gave me a hearty welcome, and in the evening the Mark Master's degree was conferred in a very efficient manner by the First Principal and his officers, after which the Companions adjourned to the refreshment room, where a pleasant hour was spent.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 142, CUMBERLAND.—On Wednesday, December 1st, I paid an official visit to this Chapter. The officers admirably sustained their reputation for doing good work. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred on two brethren by E. Comp. T. Hudson.

This Chapter is in a flourishing condition, its first meeting having been held in the new Masonic quarters on the evening of my visit. The apartments reflect great credit on the Masonic fraternity of Cumberland, having been fitted up in accordance with the requirements of both the blue Lodge and the Chapter. Having spent a very enjoyable and profitable time with the Companions of this thriving settlement, I left the next morning for Nanaimo.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER, No. 98, VANCOUVER.—On Wednesday, Dec. 15th, I left Nanaimo on the SS. Joan to pay an official visit to this Chapter. At the wharf in Vancouver I was met by E. Comp. W. Burns and J. H. Roaf, who escorted me to the Vancouver Club, where I enjoyed their hospitality for the day.

In the evening I was received with due honor as the representative of the M. E. the Grand Z., by a large number of Companions, among them being M. E. Comp. H. H. Watson, P. G. Z.; R. E. Comp. F. M. Cowperthwaite, G. S. N.; E. Comp. Middleton, and others. E. Comp. Wm. Burns and his officers discharged their various duties in a very creditable manner. The work

of the evening was the Mark Master Mason's degree, which was conferred by E. Comp. Whitehead in a manner which reflected great credit on his ability.

During the evening M. E. Companion H. H. Watson and R. E. Companion Cowperthwaite were presented with Grand Chapter regalia suitable to their exalted rank. The business of the evening over, I was invited to a banquet room adjoining, where I enjoyed the unexcelled hospitality of the Companions of this Chapter.

In conclusion, I wish to state that I think the Grand Chapter of Canada may rest assured that the welfare of Capitular Masonry in this district is in good and capable hands, and is steadily increasing and improving both in numbers and quality.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT A. DAVIS,

Grand Supt. British Columbia, No. 16.

Nanaimo, B.C., Jan. 3rd, 1910.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16

CHAPTER.		LOCATION	
Number.		Regular Meetings.	
		Emergent.	
		Total.	
		Average Attendance Members.	
		Average Attendance Visitors.	
		Annual Dues, per Member.	
		No. Members last Return.	
		Petitions Accepted.	
		Candidates Initiated.	
		Affiliations.	
		Restorations.	
		Withdrawals.	
		Suspensions.	
		Deaths.	
		Present Membership.	
		M.M.M. Conf.	
		M.E.M. Conf.	
		R.A. Conf.	
		No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	
		Liabilities.	
		Assets.	
		Cash or Securities.	
		Property.	
		Dues Outstanding.	
		Amount Insurance.	
		Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	
		Prospects.	
		Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?	
Vancouver.	98	Vancouver.....	11
Westminster	124	New Westminster..	8
Keystone...	127	Nanaimo.....	11
Cyrus.....	142	Cumberland.....	8
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			11
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			13
			13
			23
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			...
			500.00
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			00
			100.00
			124.00
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			40.00
			...
			Good
			Yes.

REMARKS—* Eight Degrees conferred for other Chapters. 1 M.M., 3 M.E.M., 4 R.A. † In Country. § In City.

§ In City.

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ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to present my report for District No. 17 for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1909. I thank you very much for the honor conferred by being appointed to the position of Grand Superintendent of our district, and much regret that, owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I was able to visit only two Chapters. I am happy to say, however, from sure information, that the Chapters, with one exception, in this district are in good shape, both financially and otherwise, and that the prospects for Capitular Masonry the coming year are excellent.

NORTH STAR CHAPTER, NO. 118, EDMONTON.—This being my own Chapter, I visited it often, and know that everything is in perfect order, degrees all being worked in good shape. E. Comp. Dunlop, as Scribe E., keeps his books in A1 order, and he looks sharp after the dues. There is plenty of good material here to work on, and prospects this coming year are good.

As I mentioned above, I was unable to visit Chapters at Calgary, Medicine Hat, High River and Lethbridge, but enclosed report shows them all to be in good shape, and as these Chapters were all visited by R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, G. S. E., the need was perhaps not so great, although, as I said before, I very much regret not being able to go.

MOUNT HOREB, U. D., WETASKIWIN, ALTA.—A dispensation having been issued for the above, and forwarded to my custody, on Sept. 7th, 1908, I presented same to them, and, with the assistance of officers and members of North Star Chapter, instituted the Chapter, installed the officers and initiated seventeen new members. They have all their regalia and books in regulation form, are enthusiastic, and, I think, will be a credit. I would advise the granting of a charter.

I have two other petitions for dispensations for Chapters on the way, so, as this shows, things look good. My hope is that Alberta District will only continue as prosperous in the future as it has been this past year, only more so.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ALF. R. DUNCAN,

Grand Supt., Alberta District, No. 17.

ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees?	
Alberta.	106	Calgary.....	12	3	15	12	23.00	\$ 23.00	145	13	13	1	..	..	..	..	159	13	12	12	100	.....	\$ 800.00	\$ 1200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 25.00	Good	Yes.		
North Star...	118	Edmonton..	10	3	13	13	23.00	23.00	77	21	14	6	..	1	3	1	92	14	15	15	56	17.00	1686.00	686.88	1000.00	274.25	600.00	.....	Good	Yes.	
Assiniboia. ..	126	Medicine Hat.	12	6	18	20	33.00	33.00	65	26	24	..	1	..	1	1	87	24	23	22	16	.....	800 00	800.00	.....	164.00	300.00	.....	Good	Yes*	
Shekinah.....	158	Lethbridge...	10	7	17	12	25.00	25.00	40	13	14	3	1	..	2	2	54	14	13	13	5	217.50	679.36	222.93	.....	82.50	225.00	.....	Good	Yes.	
Golden West.	159	High River..	8	8	16	15	23.00	23.00	54	14	13	2	..	..	..	..	69	13	13	9	7	.....	921.27	771.27	.....	150.00	.....	.....	Good	Yes.	
Mount Horeb	U.D.	Wetaskewin..	2	..	2	8	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	33	..	..	..	..	60.00	360.00	250.00	.....	110.00	200.00	.....	Good	Yes.	

* Members out of town, \$1.00 year.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Superintendent of Kootenay District, No. 18, for the year ending December 31st, 1909.

I was unable to visit the Chapters in my district. This I regret, as there was not time for me to arrange so that I could leave my place of business, and a large amount of work had to be done by correspondence. This, to my mind, is sufficient to call for a division of this district into two, and strongly advise Grand Chapter to consider the matter. I am sure that the Grand Scribe E. will bear me out in this matter.

NELSON CHAPTER, NO. 123, NELSON, B.C.—This Chapter I have had the honor of being First Principal of for the past three years. On August 31st, Nelson Chapter had the pleasure of a visit from the R. E. Grand Scribe E., Geo. J. Bennett, whose counsel and advice will long be remembered by the Companions. The outlook for the coming year is very bright. The books of Scribe E. and Treasurer are in excellent shape and well kept.

I am very sorry that my report has been delayed on account of the failure of several of the Chapters in sending to me their summary of information. I have written them, requesting same to be in my hands before the 31st of December, so that this delay would not take place. The Chapter reports which have not so far reached me I hope to receive soon.

I have to report that a Chapter has been started in the Boundary district, including Grand Forks, Greenwood and Phoenix, which dispensation has been granted, and they are just waiting to arrange for their officers, so that they would all be in good shape for an auspicious starting.

The reports that I have received show those Chapters to be in the best of condition as regards work and financial standing.

I desire, before closing, to express my hearty thanks to the E. Companions for the great honor conferred upon me at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED IRVINE,

Grand Supt., Kootenay District, No. 18.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.		Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?
Kootenay .	120	Kaslo, B.C....	9	2	11	10	23.00	36	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	37	2	2	2	18	\$	\$ 635.00	\$ 162.85	\$ 300.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 77.25	Good	Yes.	
Nelson....	123	Nelson, B.C....	7	1	8	12	23.00	57	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	61	5	4	4	19	450.57	144.88	613.70	72.00	300.00	300.00	Good	Yes.		
Revelstoke.	128	Revelstoke, B.C.	10	2	12	13 3/4	23.00	53	13	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	13	13	13	18	700.00	283.84	900.00	215.00	300.00	300.00	Good	Yes.		
Rosland..	122	Rosland, B.C...	12	2	14	14	2.00	77	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	77	3	3	3	24	10.15	1837.12	1464.02	324.00	57.10	400.00	103.90	Good	Yes.	
Rky M'tain	125	Granbrook, B.C.	12	2	14	18	13.00	75	10	10	1	3	3	3	3	3	79	10	9	9	7	1000.00	650.00	350.00	64.75	200.00	Ex.	Yes.			
†Crow's Nest	137	Fernie, B.C....	11	11	15	23.00	49	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	1	1	2	37	323.63	364.07	152.00	200.00	Good	Yes.				
Okanagan..	157	Vernon, B. C...	11	11	15	23.00	49	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	1	1	2	37	323.63	364.07	152.00	200.00	Good	Yes.				

† No returns.

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT, NO. 19.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions,—I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan District, No. 19, for the year 1909:

Capitular Masonry, like every other institution in the west, is sharing in the general prosperity of the country, and during the past year has advanced by leaps and bounds. The membership has increased from 246, in 1908, to 505 in 1909, and four new Chapters have been formed in the district. The officers and Companions of the various Chapters are enthusiastic over their work, and, given time and the experience of a few past officers, the Grand Chapter need not fear for the Royal Craft in Saskatchewan.

PRINCE ALBERT CHAPTER, NO. 160, PRINCE ALBERT.—I visited this Chapter Jan. 18, 1910. It was the night of installation of officers, and I had much pleasure in acting as installing officer. All of the officers are proficient in their work, and are seeking to make this, a comparatively new Chapter, a success. The books and records were inspected and found in fair shape, but the system used is poor, and a committee was appointed to devise a proper system of accounting. After the meeting supper was served, and a very enjoyable hour spent.

MOOSE JAW CHAPTER, NO. 162, MOOSE JAW.—Accompanied by R. E. Comps. Gorrell and Shaw, I visited this Chapter Jan. 14th, 1910. Moose Jaw Chapter, for the past year, has been working under great difficulties. The First Principal E. Comp. McCauley was taken sick in the fall, and after his recovery was compelled to go to the coast for his health. The Chapter was thus left without its chief officer, and as they had no past Principals, had to depend on Wascana Chapter for a First Principal. However, the Chapter is progressing, and the prospects

are bright. The books and records were found to be in perfect order. It was also my privilege, assisted by R. E. Comps. Shaw and Gorrell, to install the officers for the new year.

ARCOLA CHAPTER, U. D., ARCOLA.—This Chapter was instituted by R. E. Comps. Gorrell and Shaw and myself on Jan. 28, 1909, and a large number of candidates were passed through the several degrees. I visited the Chapter again Dec. 9th, and found it progressive and prosperous. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The Chapter is in excellent shape, and should give a good account of itself in the future. I would recommend that a charter be granted Arcola Chapter.

SASKATOON CHAPTER, U. D., SASKATOON.—Assisted by R. E. Comp. Shaw, of Regina; V. E. Comp. Will, of Prince Albert, and the officers of Prince Albert Chapter, I instituted Saskatoon Chapter on Feb. 23. A large number of candidates were exalted to the Royal Arch degree. After the ceremonies a banquet was tendered the visiting Companions, and a very pleasant time was spent in speech and song. I was unable to visit the Chapter again, but, while in Saskatoon on Jan. 19th, 1910, I went over affairs with Comp. Needham, the Scribe E. The Chapter is in splendid shape, and other Chapters in the district will have to hustle to keep pace with it. I would recommend that a charter be granted Saskatoon Chapter.

SINTALUTA CHAPTER, U. D., SINTALUTA.—R. E. Comps. Gorrell, Shaw and myself instituted this Chapter on Sept. 14, and passed a number of candidates through the several degrees. Perfect harmony has not existed among the officers and Companions since the night of institution, and accompanied by R. E. Comp. Shaw, I visited the Chapter Nov. 9th, 1909, to try and adjust their differences. Since that meeting, one of the principal officers has resigned, and another has been installed in his stead. Given time, I think they will fully warrant the decision of establishing a Chapter in Sintaluta.

WEYBURN CHAPTER, U. D., WEYBURN.—This is the youngest Chapter in the district, and was instituted and the officers installed by the two faithful R. E. Comps. Shaw and Gorrell, and myself, on Dec. 13th, 1909. A large number of candidates were also introduced into Royal Arch Masonry. This Chapter is situated in one of the bright, progressive towns of the banner Province of the Dominion, and its future is assured. The officers and Companions are enthusiastic over the work, and will do all in their power to make the Chapter a success. I would recommend that a charter be granted.

WASCANA CHAPTER, NO. 121, REGINA.—Wascana Chapter is enjoying the growth and prosperity common to all institutions of our great west, and during the past year has made ample strides. R. E. Comps. Shaw, Gorrell and McDonald are members of this Chapter, and are a warrant of its diligence in maintaining the traditions of the Royal Craft. I have witnessed the exemplification of the several degrees on many occasions, and the work has always been carried through with credit to the officers. The financial condition of the Chapter is excellent, the only criticism being the large amount of outstanding dues.

In closing this report, I wish to thank Grand Chapter for the honor they have conferred on me. I also must acknowledge the help and assistance accorded me by R. E. Comps. Shaw, Gorrell and McDonald.

Saskatchewan is a new district, but the possibilities of Royal Arch Masonry in this Province are excellent, and my parting words to Grand Chapter are, "Watch Saskatchewan Grow."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. E. MEEK,

Grand Supt., Saskatchewan District, No. 19.

Regina, January 26th, 1910.

SASKATCHEWAN, DISTRICT No. 19.

CHAPTER.	Number.		LOCATION.		Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?
Wascana.....	121	Regina.....	12	8	20	21	33.00	\$ 3.00	145	51	42	1	2	6	7	..	177	42	40	39	27	..	\$ 2810.00	\$ 1460.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	..	Ex.	Yes.	
Prince Albert	160	Prince Albert..	10	7	17	15	5 6.00	47	17	19	1	..	..	..	..	..	67	19	20	23	21	..	714.82	205.82	350.00	159.00	450.00	..	Good	Yes.
Moose Jaw..	162	Moosejaw.....	8	1	9	15	23.00	58	26	22	1	..	..	..	..	..	81	22	26	26	12	..	1040.20	540.20	500.00	..	300.00	..	Good	Yes.
Moose Mountain.	U.D	Arcoia.....	8	6	14	15	13.00	14	31	29	5	..	..	..	..	..	48	29	29	28	..	..	679.37	64.12	511.25	104.00	250.00	..	Good	Yes.
Saskatoon...	U.D	Saskatoon.....	8	..	8	19	1	..	..	73	65	12	..	..	..	1	76	66	65	65	..	70.00	1100.00	375.00	725.00	..	600.00	150.00	Ex.	Yes.
Golden	U.D.	Sintaluta.....	3	2	5	12	3	..	..	26	21	..	..	..	..	..	31	21	21	19	..	..	450.00	150.00	300.00	..	300.00	..	Fair	Yes.
Compass ..	U.D.	Weyburn.....	2	..	2	17	5	..	..	17	16	9	..	..	..	..	25	16	16	16	..	96.00	464.06	164.06	300.00	..	300.00	..	Good	Yes.

YUKON TERRITORY—UNATTACHED.

Klondike...	154	Dawson, Y.T..	12	1	13	36	1.71	5.00	103	8	8	..	5	..	1	105	8	10	5	2008.00	828.50	1050.00	129.50	500.00	27.00	Good	Yes.
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REMARKS—Annual dues of members now resident out of Yukon, \$3.00 per annum.

KLONDIKE CHAPTER, NO. 154.

UNATTACHED.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

KLONDIKE CHAPTER, the only one in the Yukon Territory, held twelve regular convocations and one emergent during the year, with an average attendance of 36 members and 1.71 visitors, which average, compared with the membership roll, is far in excess of the average attendance in many Chapters under this Grand Jurisdiction, and, I trust, is a good indication to you of the interest taken by the Companions at Dawson in the Royal Craft.

My official visit was made at the November communication, when four petitions for exaltation were presented, the applicants being moral, upright men, of good report.

The Yukon, as a recruiting field, is somewhat limited, but is sound and interested, and, under E. Comp. A. J. Gillis and the other officers-elect, the Royal Standard is likely to be held high in Canada's North-West.

The Chapter, hearing of the proposed trip as far west as Vancouver of the Grand Scribe E.. R. E. Comp. Bennett, invited him to visit Dawson. He came. He captivated. Even the hotel porters called him "The High." He saw Klondike Chapter work. He broke bread with the Companions, and left with the true regrets of both his hosts and the guest. His wise counsel, genial ways and warm, hearty handshake will be long remembered by his Companions in the far North.

A pleasant surprise, Most Excellent Sir, was the reception of a wire from you, addressed to R. E. Comp. Bennett, in my care, worded: "My congratulations and best greetings to all Companions Klondike Chapter." To which the First Principal, E. Comp. John Black, wired reply: "Your message, through Grand Scribe E., received

during convocation last night with great satisfaction. Looking forward to your visit next summer."

The work of the officers has been well and faithfully performed, and the annexed return shows the Chapter in good financial condition.

The appointment of V. E. Comp. Macfarlane as Grand Steward was much appreciated by the members of the Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

J. LANGLOIS BELL,

P. G. Supt., Stadacona District, G. R. Q.; Acting Grand Supt., Yukon.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Messages were received from a number of officers and members of Grand Chapter, whose journey to the Annual Convocation was impeded by a snow blockade in the western part of the Province. From others, whom distance, business or illness prevented their attendance, letters of explanation were received. Among those who thus wrote were: R. E. Comps. F. M. Cowperthwaite, Grand Scribe N., Vancouver; Robert Magness, Grand Registrar, Winnipeg; W. A. Ducker, G. Supt., Winnipeg; H. A. McKibbin, G. Supt., Port Arthur; E. E. Meek, G. Supt., Regina; A. R. Duncan, G. Supt., Edmonton; A. A. Davis, G. Supt., Nanaimo; Fred. Irvine, G. Supt., Nelson, B.C.; E. E. Chipman, Kaslo; T. W. Chapple, Kenora; Fred. L. Newman, Portage la Prairie; Isaac Huber, Bracebridge; Dr. J. M. Shaw, Regina; M. E. Comp. J. Leslie, Winnipeg.

M. E. Comp. H. H. Watson, P. G. Z., wrote from Vancouver as follows:

Vancouver, B.C., January 13th, 1910.

Geo. J. Bennett, Esq.,

Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter Canada,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Companion Bennett,—Will you please convey to the Grand Chapter, at the Annual Convocation, which is so soon to take place, my appreciation of the great honor done me at the last meeting, in electing me Honorary Past Grand First Principal.

I realize that a mere letter is a very unsatisfactory way of expressing my feelings and those of the Companions of British Columbia for the honor you have done us in this matter, and it was my full intention to be present at this meeting and personally thank Grand Chapter for this mark of your esteem. The reason of my departure from this programme is that the House at Victoria opens on the 20th inst. and I am obliged to be in my seat, but my sincere wish is that the opportunity may be afforded me at no very distant date to appear before the Grand Chapter of Canada to thank them in person and to put on record the unswerving devotion and allegiance of the Companions of British Columbia to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

With best wishes for an enjoyable session,

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

H. H. WATSON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of that Committee, which, on motion of M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In accordance with the desire expressed by Grand Chapter at last Annual Convocation, I undertook the journey mapped out for me in the recommendation of the M. E. the Grand Z., and am pleased to report that the hope is entertained that it was not without benefit to those for whom it was intended. The experience was in no small degree a revelation and an education to myself, nor in saying this do I intend any reference to what I saw of this wonderful country, Canada, its resources and its growth. I simply desire to tell you of the Companions whom I had the privilege of meeting, and whose knowledge of Grand Chapter had been limited hitherto to the perusal of, or listening to, the reading of the record of its Annual Convocations, or what they gathered from correspondence with the office of the Grand Scribe E. In not a few instances certain of those distant Chapters have in the past had the benefit of visits from some of our Past Grand First Principals, M. E. Comps. Shaw and Leslie, and the late M. E. Comp. Roaf, and I found that recollections of those communions were gratefully cherished. Indeed, I may add that much of the enthusiastic eagerness to learn and the keen desire to excel, which I encountered in many of these centres of the Royal Craft, were born of the incentive inspired by the much appreciated visits of the distinguished Companions mentioned.

In starting out, it was soon brought home to me that I was in rather a peculiar, perhaps delicate, position. I

was practically without instructions, and could not well encroach upon territory that was already the preserve of the Grand Superintendent, nor touch that officer's prerogatives. As a matter of fact, he was present at my first visit to a Chapter, and where the R. A. degree was admirably presented for my benefit. This was by the Companions of Shuniah Chapter, at Port Arthur, in which I have enjoyed the honor of membership for many years. I realized that if my peregrinations were to be of any use it would be necessary to arrange a programme of another kind. To sit and witness the Royal Arch or any other degree which I was not authorized to criticize, simply consumed time that might be better employed for purposes of instruction, without interfering with the duties set apart for another officer.

I at once wrote to the Chapters at places I proposed visiting, requesting them merely to prepare the room as if for degree work, to meet me without the formality of a regular opening and reception, and that we could then enjoy an hour's fraternal talk without the constraint of official or ceremonial requirements. The idea apparently found favor and, except at one or two places where the date arranged happened to synchronize with the regular Convocation, I was enabled to carry out the arrangement with the very happiest results.

The meetings were, as suggested, informal, and notwithstanding the warm season, the Companions turned out in most gratifying numbers. The ice once broken, I soon learned to know each and every one, and their own pleasure in being able to talk familiarly and directly with one who had been known for years to them by name only, was manifest. The story of the early rise and progress of the Royal Arch in the motherland, its introduction to and various developments on this continent, together with the establishment and growth of the Grand Chapter of Canada and its methods, proved of absorbing interest. To many of them, much of the relation was new, and frequently I was assailed with questions. Later, we discussed the degrees and Canada's system of working, and while explaining the proper adjustment of the Chapter

furniture and positions of those engaged in the exemplification of the ceremonies, I invited question and comment, and by that means was enabled to detect the flaws in their own working, and which I was at some pains to explain and correct. So keenly did these Companions take to this unusual way of acquiring information, and so eager were they to be impressed, beyond chance of forgetting, with the correct manner of properly presenting the ritualistic features of our ceremonies, that the passage of time was often unheeded, and we found ourselves exchanging parting greetings in the small hours of the morning.

The journey to the coast embraced a period of nearly a month, in which I had the privilege of meeting the Companions of Port Arthur and Kenora, in Ontario; Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Neepawa and Brandon, in Manitoba; Regina and Sinaluta, in Saskatchewan; Calgary, Edmonton and Wetaskiwin, in Alberta, and Revelstoke, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo and Cumberland, in British Columbia.

The regular itinerary I broke by a brief visit to Victoria, where, under the wing of the good Companion Robert Brett, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and others of our Companions of the Scottish register, I was treated even as a prodigal son. I also responded to the fraternal appeal of our own Companions in the far-away Yukon country, and although it necessarily entailed a lengthy journey and the absorbing of considerable time, the enthusiastic Companions of Dawson repaid me tenfold in the heartiness of their reception and hospitable attentions during my stay. Their Chapter rooms and appointments are all that can be desired. The membership comprises the best in the community, and in the working of the degrees they excelled in close adherence to detail and general impressiveness. Their "send-off" was as enthusiastic and spontaneous as their welcome, and the pleasurable and instructive talks and walks I enjoyed with the kindly Companions on the fringe of the Arctic Circle will ever be a delightful memory.

My visit to Dawson closed on the 10th of August, and five days later I found myself in White Horse, Y.T.,

where, having to lie over for twenty-four hours, and discovering that it was lodge night, I spent a very pleasant evening with the brethren in that terminus of the White Pass. Another four days and I was again in Vancouver. Of that marvelous north country and its scenic grandeur I could grow eloquent, but I have to confess to an inferiority in that regard to Badaeker, "the globe trotter's friend," and must refer you to that expert in superlative description for graphic details of a land of wonders.

The trip from Vancouver to the far north was an off-day on my own account, and was necessary as a recuperative after the siege I had passed through, especially from the great-hearted Companions of the Coast and the other British Columbia Chapters. To go into particulars dealing with the habits and customs of the Royal Craftsmen of that ilk, especially with reference to their treatment of the eastern tenderfoot, might prove alarming, and as I earnestly desire that what I have experienced may be experienced by others in the future, I prudently refrain from going into details, except to add "do not miss it."

The return trip was as replete with delightful meetings, incidents and the making of valuable fraternal acquaintance as the outward journey. Like it, it was another long series of lengthy but interesting day journeys, followed by "one-night stands," in most cases with hospitable appeals to stay over. The dates, however, were arranged, and I am glad to say that, in the whole outing, I was enabled to keep every engagement.

On the homeward tour I took in as many Chapters as time permitted of the Kootenay and Crow's Nest country, together with a visit to southern Alberta, meeting with and talking to the Companions of Nelson, Kaslo, Cranbrook, Fernie and Lethbridge; thence north to Calgary, where, at their request, I paid the Companions a second visit, as also at Winnipeg. From the Manitoba capital I journeyed southward into Ontario, and sojourned with the Companions at Rainy River, Fort Frances, Fort William, Sault Ste. Marie, and finally at Sudbury, where, in addition to the local Companions

awaiting me on the station platform. I was rejoiced to find the M. E. the Grand Z., whose anxiety as to my probable condition prompted him to kindly undertake a rather lengthy trip.

In all of these homes of the Royal Arch the experiences of the outward journey were repeated. It cannot be denied that weak points were discovered, and remedies suggested, which, if acted upon, will result in benefit, but for the most part the seed has been planted in fertile soil. No more ardent Companions exist than those whom I had the pleasure of meeting in that great country of great distances. Their enthusiasm finds its source in an appreciative knowledge of the Royal Craft and a deep-rooted veneration for its object and principles. In the majority of cases, this fact is demonstrated by the appropriate and sometimes elaborate setting provided for illustrating the ceremonies. In many of the Chapters the appointments are specially imported and of rare quality. In some the nucleus of a fair Masonic library has been started, and the printed proceedings of Grand Chapter is a familiar volume to the Companions at large. It was an agreeable surprise, too, to learn that the Foreign Correspondence report was not only read, but discussed, at the Convocations of many of the Chapters, and that Companions were to be found in not a few who were willing to prepare and read papers on matters pertaining to the Royal art.

This report might be extended to interminable proportions were I to individualize. I have endeavored to give you within reasonable compass a general idea of conditions as I found them, and tell you of the little that I contributed towards aiding the most willing auditors that a representative of Grand Chapter ever encountered. The trip may reveal no immediate benefit, but I am sanguine enough to hope that the acquaintance made during a three months' tour of the remote Provinces of this great jurisdiction will do much to strengthen the tie binding those far-distant and loyal Companions to the parent body.

To those who showed me kindness while wandering over those many thousands of miles, and their name is

legion, my grateful thanks are due; but I would be ingrate indeed were I to lightly pass by the obligation I am under to the M. E. the Grand Z., who, during my absence kept watchful eye over and attended to the correspondence of the office. The knowledge that he was doing this removed an anxiety I would otherwise have carried with me, and renders me deeply grateful to M. E. Comp. George Moore.

THE YEAR'S PROGRESS.

We have enjoyed another most successful year. I am pleased to report a season of progress in numbers of members and increase in revenue. Indeed, except in the summer off-season, the work of the office is continuous, and at certain periods exacting. Ten years ago, when you entrusted to me the duties of this office, the membership of Grand Chapter, then in its forty-third year of existence, had just reached five thousand, comprised in 94 Chapters. To-day we are enabled to announce a membership of 14,106, and the number of active Chapters 149, with a prospect of considerable additions in the near future. For the last five years we have averaged an addition of one thousand members, the net gain this year being 1,074.

For the Chapters chartered at last Annual Convocation I forwarded the warrants immediately I received them from the hands of the engrosser, and procured the necessary signatures.

For Chapters organized since, letters of dispensation were authorized and issued under eleven applications submitted in regular form. That is, I may add, an unprecedented number of new Chapters in one year.

THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS.

Active officers bring good results, and a comparison with previous years will make it plain that the Chapter actively governed, and especially with a Scribe E. who not only knows his duties but attends to them promptly, is rarely to be missed among the leaders. The growth in these cases cannot be described as spasmodic; rather is

it due to an enthusiasm that is steady, not ephemeral, and the setting of an example that arouses enthusiasm in others. The following Chapters show exaltations to the number of 15 or over: U. D., Saskatoon, 65; No. 121, Wascana, 42; No. 77, Occident, 34; No. 52, Prince Rupert, 32; U. D., Temiskaming, 31; U. D., Moose Mountain, 29; No. 156, Avondale, 27; No. 162, Moose Jaw, 26; No. 8, King Solomon's, 26; No. 160, Prince Albert, 25; No. 145, The St. Patrick, 25; No. 126, Assiniboia, 24; No. 5, St. George's, 22; No. 136, King Edward, 22; No. 170, Golden Compass, 21; No. 103, St. John's, 21; No. 124, Westminster, 21; No. 16, Carleton, 19; No. 54, Palestine, 19; U. D., Rabboni, 18; No. 98, Vancouver, 17; No. 6, St. John's, 17; U. D., Mount Horeb, 17; No. 3, St. John's, 16; U. D., Weyburn, 16; No. 80, Ark, 15.

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

The steady periodical complaint of dilatory Chapter secretaries is to the front again as usual, notwithstanding the fact that the interval between the December Convocation of the Chapters and the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter has been lengthened by a month. The suggestion offered by an observant Companion, that Chapters failing to have their annual returns and fees in the Grand Scribe E.'s office before the 31st of January should be deprived of representation at Grand Chapter, might well be considered. On that date the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E. were closed, and seventeen of the Chapters were yet to be heard from. At this date the following are still silent:

Keystone, No. 35, Whitby; Crow's Nest, No. 137, Fernie; Lucknow, No. 147, Lucknow; Laurentian, No. 151, Pembroke; Alberton, No. 152, Fort Frances; Sombra, 153, Sombra.

BY-LAWS.

During the year codes of by-laws were submitted by the following Chapters, and approved: The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton; Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa; St. Andrew's and St. John's, No. 4, Toronto; The St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto; St. John's, No. 48, Cobourg; The Moira, No. 7, Belleville.

Amendments to existing codes were also submitted by the undermentioned Chapters, and approved: St. Paul's, No. 65, Toronto; St. Francis, No. 133, Smith's Falls; Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui, No. 1, Kingston; Amabel, No. 131, Wiarton; King Solomon's, No. 8, Toronto; Glengarry, No. 143, Maxville; Madoc, No. 161, Madoc; St. Mark's, No. 26, Trenton; York, No. 62, Eglinton; Fort William, No. 140, Fort William; The Moira, No. 7, Belleville; Brant, No. 115, Paris; Prince Albert, No. 160, Prince Albert; Shekinah, No. 138, Toronto; Rossland, No. 122, Rossland; Waterloo, No. 32, Galt; Huron, No. 30, Goderich; Nelson, No. 123, Nelson.

NEW CHAPTERS.

To the two Saskatchewan Chapters, U. D., at Saskatoon and Arcola, both of which have made a splendid showing, there have since been instituted no less than eleven Chapters in the several Provinces over which Grand Chapter has jurisdiction. In this regard we have established a record, and the work effected by the new organizations clearly demonstrates the hold which the Royal Craft has upon the Masonic community where-soever dispersed. Four of these new Chapters are in Ontario, one in Manitoba, two in Saskatchewan, three in Alberta, and one in British Columbia.

The following is a list, with the petitioning members and the Chapters from which they hail:

Kichikiwana Chapter, U. D., Midland, Ont.—Twenty-six petitioners: George H. Travis, A. C. Adams, J. S. McDowell, J. S. Fraleigh, R. Raikes, L. L. Corley, R. A. Alexander, J. W. Demorest, W. E. Preston, W. E. Montgomery, C. M. Tremere, F. Porter, W. J. Martin, W. R. Benson, H. M. Warnock, Geo. Robinson, W. J. W. Wigg, No. 34; A. Macauley, No. 140; A. A. Hallett, W. R. Rowland, J. G. Gidley, No. 27; A. F. Foote, No. 145; R. F. White, No. 86; R. D. Keefe, No. 45; David Todd, No. 91; H. Merkley, No. 112.

Ionic Chapter, U. D., Campbellford, Ont.—Twenty-one petitioners: Wm. Smith, No. 61; E. J. Free, Simon West, G. A. Benor, A. Haig, W. E. Carnahan, F. W.

Wood, D. W. Douglas, J. H. Caskey, James McBeth, C. W. Smith, Robert Lowery, No. 110; O. C. Watson, No. 88; C. E. Argue, No. 45; A. T. Green, J. C. Fowlds, H. R. Ferris, C. E. Dunk, G. Z. Dickson, No. 72; T. A. Brown, No. 154; J. H. Sexton, No. 100.

Temiskaming Chapter, U. D., New Liskeard, Ont.—Fourteen petitioners: Murdoch McLeod, S. D. Briden, Samuel Solomon, No. 103; F. W. Haynes, No. 20; W. J. Magladery, No. 78; C. H. Fullerton, No. 112; James Taylor, No. 150; G. J. Brett, No. 83; M. F. Sumaville, No. 119; A. A. Sproul, No. 143; J. A. Solomon, No. 52; Jos. Plant, No. 114; S. J. Fisher, No. 131; Duncan McLellan, No. 5, G. R. Q.

The Hamilton Chapter, U. D., Hamilton, Ont.—Thirty-two petitioners: A. W. Peene, A. G. Bain, J. E. Riddell, W. H. Ballard, Charles A. Herald, Fred. T. Smyly, D. J. Pearce, John Hooper, H. S. Griffin, No. 2; A. T. Neill, W. F. McGiverin, R. A. Thompson, W. M. G. R. Lloyd, S. S. Beatty, A. T. Freed, Donald McPhie, W. J. Fearman, Llew Stephens, William Gibson, James M. Shepard, J. R. Moodie, Geo. Lees, W. H. Davis, Thos. McCallum, K. Bellamy, C. W. Cartwright, R. R. Bruce, No. 6; Charles I. Kelly, No. 29.

Rabboni Chapter, U. D., Dauphin, Man.—Twelve petitioners: John W. Johnston, W. H. Percival, Robt. Hawkins, Frank W. Bryant, No. 136; W. R. Harritt, No. 128; R. C. Brown, No. 99; D. W. Campbell, No. 70; Edward Miller, No. 34; A. C. Crosby, No. 152; J. G. Harvey, No. 52; W. H. Sutherland, No. 25; G. R. Minn, E. D. Caffey, No. 118; G. R. Mich.

Golden Compass Chapter, U. D., Sintaluta, Sask.—Ten petitioners: Richard D. Morton, No. 60; James Ewart, Thomas S. MacLeod, Geo. K. Grass, David Railton, Wm. J. Bonnor, John Dickey, H. M. Henderson, Edgar V. Wahn, Charles T. Goulding, No. 121.

Weyburn Chapter, U. D., Weyburn, Sask.—Thirteen petitioners: Clarence H. Hartney, No. 101; James H. Sharpe, Geo. Totten, No. 156; W. H. McCallum, No.

116; A. S. Gorrell, E. E. Meek, John M. Shaw, No. 121; W. Scramlin, W. H. Smith, A. M. McKay, W. S. McKenzie, No. 162; John M. McKain, No. 109; G. R. Ia., Fred. C. Zabel, No. 26, G. R., Mich.

Mount Horeb Chapter, U. D., Wetaskiwin, Alta.—Fourteen petitioners: Andrew R. Dickson, No. 1, G. R. Mich.; E. C. Rodell, No. 106, Charles C. Bailey, Edw. A. Bailey, No. 13, G. R. Q.; E. C. Roper, No. 34; Fred. Nighswander, No. 35; Joseph W. Martin, No. 587, G. R. Eng.; Hedley C. Taylor, Geo. T. Bragg, D. C. Robertson, J. J. Dunlop, A. R. Duncan, Henry Smith, No. 118; Robert Gaunt, No. 115.

Bekah Chapter, U. D., Macleod, Alta.—Ten petitioners: Robert N. Wilson, J. M. Bratton, R. W. Jell, No. 106; Robert Patterson, J. A. Swinarton, No. 158; Thomas C. Bruce, No. 66; Eli J. Wells, No. 3; Donald McKenzie, No. 84; Thos. Hoey, No. 314, G. R. I.; Andrew Walker, No. 70, G. R. Minn.

Kether Chapter, U. D., Pincher Creek, Alta.—Ten petitioners: Arth. C. Kemmis, W. A. Murphy, George Heaton, H. D. McMillan, H. A. Gunn, J. H. W. S. Kemmis, No. 158; D. C. McDougall, No. 131; J. A. Alexander, No. 26; Alex. Cameron, No. 149; W. J. Huston, No. 67.

Boundary Chapter, U. D., Grand Forks, B. C.—Eleven petitioners: D. W. Stirton, No. 154; A. Stuart McKim, No. 125; E. J. Bangs, No. 106; Donald McCallum, No. 60; Geo. D. Clark, No. 37; John McKie, No. 122; C. Wyost, Maurice Vetter, No. 20, H. R. Wash.; F. B. McKeehan, No. 40, G. R. O.; W. Howe, No. 2, G. R. N. S.; Wm. Fraser, No. 38, G. R. Scot.

I append a statement of the amounts received by me from the Chapters, and handed over to the Grand Treasurer.

CASH STATEMENT—GRAND SCRIBE E.

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From Chapters—Certificates	\$1,324.00	
Membership Fees	3,718.40	
Registration Fees	1,344.30	
Dispensations	253.00	
Warrants	40.00	
Constitutions	144.00	
Sundries, Ceremonies, etc.....	182.55	
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Interest—Industrial School Bonds.....	\$ 680.00	
Toronto General Trusts.....	80.00	
Town of Orillia Debentures.....	149.01	
Town of Oshawa Debentures	119.69	
City of Stratford Debentures.....	100.84	
Bank of Commerce	58.23	
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		\$8,194.02

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1909—Feb. 5—Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 49.61	
Mch. 20— “ “	700.00	
Mch. 31— “ “	33.86	
Mch. 31— “ “	340.00	
June 8— “ “	500.00	
Sept. 1— “ “	49.70	
Sept. 24— “ “	40.00	
Oct. 23— “ “	500.00	
Nov. 30— “ “	24.37	
Dec. 3— “ “	119.69	
Dec. 3— “ “	340.00	
Dec. 28— “ “	1,000.00	
1910—Jan. 3— “ “	40.00	
Jan. 6— “ “	1,000.00	
Jan. 6— “ “	100.84	
Jan. 15— “ “	1,000.00	
Jan. 19— “ “	1,000.00	
Feb. 4— “ “	49.70	
Feb. 11— “ “	1,306.25	
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ANNUAL STATEMENT, 31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS.

1	Ant. Frontenac and Catarqui...\$	38.60	65	St. Paul's.....	\$47.50
2	The Hiram.....	105.90	66	The Malloch....	17.25
3	St. John's.....	96.00	67	Enterprise.....	33.00
4	St. Andrew's and St. John's.....	58.25	68	Maitland.....	7.25
5	St. George's.....	92.15	69	Grimsby.....	35.45
6	St. John's.....	109.65	70	Grand River....	24.75
7	The Moira.....	72.75	71	Prince of Wales..	35.00
8	King Solomon's..	105.00	72	Keystone.....	53.00
15	Wawanosh.....	81.50	73	Erie.....	12.00
16	Carleton.....	197.40	74	Beaver.....	24.50
18	Oxford.....	33.00	75	St. Clair.....	23.50
19	Mount Moriah....	108.90	76	Mt. Nebo.....	62.60
20	Mt. Horeb.....	57.25	77	Occident.....	154.50
22	Grenville.....	22.00	78	Minnewawa....	42.50
23	Ezra.....	51.75	79	Orient.....	40.75
24	Tecumseh.....	59.75	80	Ark.....	72.75
26	St. Mark's.....	26.75	81	Aylmer.....	31.25
27	Manitou.....	3.00	82	Shuniah.....	67.15
29	McCallum.....	51.25	83	Ionic.....	19.00
30	Huron.....	27.00	84	Lebanon.....	50.95
31	Prince Edward...	59.50	86	Macpherson....	49.75
32	Waterloo.....	37.25	88	MacNabb.....	33.25
34	Signet.....	73.00	90	Golden.....	48.25
36	Corinthian.....	38.50	91	Antiquity.....	74.45
37	Victoria.....	37.25	94	Midland.....	43.25
40	Guelph.....	10.65	95	Tuscan.....	25.25
41	Harris.....	41.75	98	Vancouver.....	108.75
44	Mt. Sinai.....	32.75	99	Keystone.....	40.50
45	Excelsior.....	27.00	100	St. Lawrence....	22.75
46	St. James.....	33.75	101	Corinthian.....	27.50
47	Wellington.....	69.55	102	Algonquin.....	66.75
48	St. John's.....	46.25	103	St. John's.....	79.65
50	Saugeen.....	23.75	104	White Oak.....	19.25
52	Prince Rupert...	157.75	106	Alberta.....	60.15
53	Bruce.....	30.90	110	Warkworth.....	44.00
54	Palestine.....	100.95	112	St. John's.....	17.25
55	Niagara.....	17.00	113	Covenant.....	26.15
56	Georgian.....	40.50	114	Bonnechere.....	20.75
57	King Hiram.....	8.00	115	Brant.....	16.75
58	Pembroke.....	8.65	116	Maple.....	46.50
59	Sussex.....	46.50	117	Berlin.....	18.75
60	Doric.....	57.75	118	North Star.....	91.25
61	Granite.....	26.00	119	King Cyrus.....	19.00
62	York.....	48.25	120	Kootenay.....	16.25
63	Havelock.....	30.00	121	Wascana.....	184.00
64	Willson.....	56.75	122	Rossland.....	54.50
			123	Nelson.....	50.50
			124	Westminster....	66.25

125 Rocky Mountain \$	46.50	152 Alberton. \$	6.75
126 Assiniboia.....	76.25	154 Klondike.....	41.50
127 Keystone.....	44.35	155 Ancaster.....	22.50
128 Revelstoke.....	46.50	156 Avondale.....	70.00
129 Elliot.....	10.00	157 Okanagan.....	4.00
130 Chantry.....	59.25	158 Shekinah.....	57.00
131 Amabel.....	45.50	159 Golden West....	60.95
132 Leeds.....	30.00	160 Prince Albert...	67.65
133 St. Francis.	27.00	161 Madoc.....	21.25
135 Succoth.....	66.90	162 Moose Jaw.....	84.55
136 King Edward...	87.05	163 The Beaches....	33.75
137 Crow's Nest	22.50	164 Lorne.....	38.00
138 Shekinah.....	13.00	U.D. Saskatoon....	135.00
139 St. Andrew's....	14.25	U.D. Moose Mountain	62.50
140 Fort William....	42.75	U.D. Kichikwana...	63.00
141 Keystone.....	46.90	U.D. Ionic.....	46.00
142 Cyrus.....	26.25	U.D. Temiskaming..	92.00
143 Glengarry.....	18.00	U.D. Golden Compass	68.00
144 Presqu' Isle....	9.00	U.D. Rabboni.....	63.00
145 The St. Patrick..	156.40	U.D. Mount Horeb..	69.00
146 Bernard.....	21.25	U.D. Weyburn.....	57.15
148 St. John's.....	22.50	U.D. Boundary.....	25.00
149 Atwood.....	23.00	U.D. Bekah.....	25.00
150 London.....	41.00		
151 Laurentian.	12.75		
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			\$7006.25

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. J. BENNETT,

Grand Scribe E.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

WILLIAM GIBSON, GRAND TREASURER OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

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1909.

Jan. 16 To	Balance Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	\$ 4,938.37
Feb. 5 "	Orillia Coupons	49.61
Mch. 20 "	Grand Scribe E., No. 1.....	700.00
Mch. 31 "	Interest Bank of Commerce	33.86
Mch. 31 "	Coupons, Industrial School Bonds.....	340.00
June 8 "	Grand Scribe E., No. 2.....	500.00
Sept. 1 "	Coupons, Orillia	49.70
Sept. 24 "	Toronto General Trust.....	40.00
Oct. 23 "	Grand Scribe E., No. 3.....	500.00
Nov. 30 "	Interest Bank of Commerce.....	24.37
Dec. 3 "	Coupons, Oshawa	119.69
Dec. 3 "	Coupons, Industrial School	340.00
Dec. 23 "	Grand Scribe E., No. 4.....	1,000.00

1910.

Jan.	3	To	Toronto General Trusts.....	\$ 40.00
Jan.	6	"	Grand Scribe E., No. 5.....	1,000.00
Jan.	6	"	Coupons, Stratford	100.84
Jan.	15	"	Grand Scribe E., No. 6.....	1,000.00
Jan.	19	"	Grand Scribe E., No. 7.....	1,000.00
Feb.	4	"	Grand Scribe E., No. 8.....	1,306.25
Feb.	4	"	Coupons, Orillia	49.70

1910.

\$13,132.39

Feb.	4	To	Balance Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hamilton (as per Certificate).....	\$6,117.53
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1909.

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Jan.	30	By Order	11, Miss Dean.....	Benevolence \$ 25.00
"	"	"	12, E. H. Ball.....	" 25.00
"	"	"	13, Mrs. J. Munro.....	" 20.00
"	"	"	14, Mrs. J. E. Malone...	" 20.00
"	"	"	15, Mrs. J. W. Waugh...	" 20.00
"	"	"	16, Mrs. E. Hill.....	" 10.00
"	"	"	17, Mrs. John Kennedy...	" 20.00
"	"	"	18, Mrs. J. F. Holman...	" 10.00
"	"	"	19, Comp. Jas. Fisher...	" 25.00
"	"	"	20, Comp. C. W. Smith...	" 25.00
"	"	"	21, Comp. Arch. Cowper	" 20.00
"	"	"	22, Mrs. W. B. Wallace	" 10.00
"	"	"	23, Mrs. J. S. Baker....	" 20.00
"	"	"	24, Mrs. H. Rankin.....	" 20.00
"	"	"	25, Mrs. Jas. O'Connor..	" 25.00
"	"	"	26, Mrs. W. Marriott...	" 15.00
"	"	"	27, Mrs. P. Grant.....	" 10.00
"	"	"	28, Miss Simpson	" 10.00
"	"	"	29, Mrs. H. Southby....	" 10.00
"	"	"	30, Mrs. J. E. Halliwell..	" 55.00
"	"	"	31, Mrs. H. St. V. Johnstone	" 20.00
"	"	"	32, Mrs. W. E. Johnston	" 10.00
"	"	"	33, Miss Mossman	" 25.00
"	"	"	34, A. Kent & Sons.....	17.20
"	"	"	35, Rolph, Clark Co.....	16.75
"	"	"	36, Atwell Fleming Co.....	81.75
"	"	"	37, Might Directory Co.....	7.50
"	"	"	38, John Leslie, P.G.Z., Trav. Exps..	300.00
"	"	"	39, Grand Scribe E., Incidentals.....	492.00
"	"	"	40, Jas. Pritchard, Grand Janitor....	10.00
"	"	"	41, G. S. E., Foreign Correspondence	200.00
"	"	"	42, Bell Telephone Co.....	26.00
Feb.	3	"	43, E. H. Ball, balance of grant....	15.00
"	"	"	44, D. Henderson, Engross. Warrants	15.00
"	"	"	45, Thomson Engraving Co.....	8.00
"	"	"	46, American Surety Co.....	5.00
"	"	"	47, Copp, Clark Co., Warrants.....	75.00
"	"	"	48, Bernard Cairns, Electros.....	4.60

Mch. 1	By Order	49, D. Moore Co., Box, Grand Treas.	\$ 7.00
" 19	"	50, Bain & Cubitt, Office Goods.....	4.70
" "	"	51, Masonic History Co.....	25.00
" "	"	52, Atwell Fleming Ptg. Co., Procds.	738.72
" "	"	53, Atwell Fleming Ptg. Co., Forms..	105.52
" "	"	54, G. S. E., Salary.....	450.00
" "	"	55, Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	25.00
" 24	"	56, Rolph, Clark Co., Certificates...	380.50
" "	"	57, Atwell Fleming Prtg. Co., Consti- tutions	122.00
June 7	"	58, Rent, G. S. E. Office.....	99.00
" "	"	59, Masonic History Co.....	10.00
" "	"	60, Thomson Engraving Co.....	14.00
" "	"	61, Bell Telephone Co.....	26.00
" "	"	62, G. S. E. Salary.....	450.00
" "	"	63, Grand Treasurer, Salary	25.00
" "	"	64, G.S.E., acct. western trip	350.00
" "	"	65, American Surety Co.....	5.00
July 31	"	66, Miss Dean .....Benevolence	25.00
" "	"	67, Comp. E. H. Ball....	25.00
" "	"	68, Mrs. John Munro...	20.00
" "	"	69, Mrs. John E. Malone	20.00
" "	"	70, Mrs. J. W. Waugh..	20.00
" "	"	71, Mrs. Ed. Hill.....	10.00
" "	"	72, Mrs. John Kennedy..	20.00
" "	"	73, Mrs. J. F. Holman...	10.00
" "	"	74, Comp. Jas. Fisher...	25.00
" "	"	75, Comp. C. W. Smith..	25.00
" "	"	76, Comp. Arch. Cowper	20.00
" "	"	77, Mrs. W. B. Wallace..	10.00
" "	"	78, Mrs. J. S. Baker....	20.00
" "	"	79, Mrs. H. Rankin.....	20.00
" "	"	80, Mrs. Jas. O'Connor..	25.00
" "	"	81, Mrs. Wm. Marriott..	15.00
" "	"	82, Mrs. Peter Grant....	10.00
" "	"	83, Miss Simpson	10.00
" "	"	84, Mrs. H. J. Southby..	10.00
" "	"	85, Mrs. J. E. Halliwell..	55.00
" "	"	86, Mrs. H. St. V. Johnstone	20.00
" "	"	87, Mrs. W. E. Johnston	20.00
Sept. 30	"	88, G. S. E., Salary.....	450.00
" "	"	89, Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	25.00
" "	"	90, Miss Shaw, Address P.G.Z.....	50.00
" "	"	91, Kent & Sons, Repairing Regalia	3.10
Oct. 23	"	92, Testimonial to P. G. Z. Leslie...	250.00
" "	"	93, Atwell Fleming Prtg. Co.....	72.37
" "	"	94, Malcolm Gibbs, Insurance.....	4.00
" "	"	95, D. Henderson, Engrossing.....	15.00
Dec. 6	"	96, Rent, G. S. E. Office.....	99.00
" "	"	97, G. S. E., Salary.....	450.00
" "	"	98, Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	25.00

1910.

Jan.	6	By Order 99, Thomson Engraving Co.....	\$ 15.00
"	"	" 100, Atwell Fleming Prtg. Co.....	29.50
"	"	" 101, Bain & Cubitt, office sundries....	4.85
"	"	" 102, Rolph, Clark Co., Certificates....	525.80
Feb.	4	By Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	6,117.53
			<hr/> \$13,132.39

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

Bonds, Toronto General Trusts Company, at 4 per cent.	\$ 2,000.00
Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, No. 1-34, at 4 per cent.	17,000.00
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 10, at 4 per cent.....	1,218.13
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 11, at 4 per cent.....	1,266.86
Debentures, City of Stratford, Nos. 70-1, at 4 per cent..	1,521.00
Debentures, City of Stratford, No. 69, at 4 per cent....	1,000.00
Debentures, Oshawa, No. 16.....	1,300.61
Debentures, Oshawa, No. 17.....	1,359.14
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	6,117.53
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\$32,783.27	

Hamilton Branch, Canadian Bank of Commerce,

4th February, 1910.

We hereby certify that the above named bonds and debentures are in the custody of the Bank for safe keeping on account of Wm. Gibson, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and that the balance at the credit of the Hon. Wm. Gibson, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, in the books of the Bank, at the close of business at this date is six thousand one hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty-three cents.

D. B. DEWAR, *Manager.*D. MUIRHEAD, *Accountant.*

Fraternally submitted,

WM. GIBSON,

Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, for the year 1909, be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit and to report thereon at the present convocation.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications for relief presented to them, and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made:

Chapter No.	1. Daughter of John Dean.....	\$50.00
" "	1. Comp. E. H. Ball.....	50.00
" "	1. Widow of John Munroe.....	40.00
" "	3. Widow of John E. Malone.....	40.00
" "	3. Widow of John W. Waugh.....	40.00
" "	6. Widow of John Kennedy.....	40.00
" "	6. Widow of John Holman.....	20.00
" "	23. Comp. James Fisher.....	50.00
" "	28. Comp. Chas. W. Smith.....	50.00
" "	29. Comp. Arch. Couper.....	40.00
" "	37. Widow of W. B. Wallace.....	20.00
" "	37. Widow of J. S. Baker.....	40.00
" "	44. Widow of H. Rankin.....	40.00
" "	52. Widow of Jas. O'Connor	50.00
" "	54. Widow of Wm. Marriott	30.00
" "	54. Widow of Peter Grant	20.00
" "	59. Daughter of W. B. Simpson.....	20.00
" "	62. Widow of H. J. Southby.....	20.00
" "	63. Widow of Peter Flett.....	40.00
" "	72. Widow of J. E. Halliwell.....	50.00
" "	72. Children of J. E. Halliwell.....	60.00
" "	76. Widow of Chas. Keller	50.00
" "	76. Widow of Hy. P. Spry.....	40.00
" "	77. Widow of H. St. V. Johnstone.....	40.00
" "	81. Widow of W. E. Johnston.....	40.00
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		\$980.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Council and Companions of Grand Chapter:

We, your Committee on Warrants, beg to report that we have examined the thirteen applications for Warrants from the Chapters under dispensation, and recommend that charters be granted the following, all showing a good membership, and with excellent prospects.

Saskatoon Chapter, Saskatoon, Sask., with 83 members.

Moose Mountain Chapter, Arcola, Sask., 48 members.

Kichikiwana Chapter, Midland, Ont., 37 members.

Ionic Chapter, Campbellford, Ont., 32 members.

Temiskaming Chapter, New Liskeard, Ont., 45 members.

Golden Compass, Sintaluta, Sask., 31 members.

Rabboni Chapter, Dauphin, Man., 34 members.

Mount Horeb Chapter, Wetaskiwin, Alberta. 31 members.

Weyburn Chapter, Weyburn, Sask., 29 members.

The Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, Ont., 53 members.

This last Chapter is but just recently organized, but your Committee feel they could not do otherwise than recommend the immediate issuance of a charter, out of compliment to the many prominent, zealous and honored names on its application, which is a guarantee for its future success, stability and usefulness.

The following applications having failed to present reports as to their work and condition, we recommend that the several dispensations be continued until next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter:

Boundary Chapter, U. D., Grand Forks, B. C.

Kether Chapter, U. D., Pincher Creek, Alberta.

Bekah Chapter, U. D., Macleod, Alberta.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. FORBES, *Chairman*;
GEO SUTHERLAND,
ALEX COWAN.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Sutherland, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer and find that they agree with the certified statement of the Bank up to the 4th February, 1910.

Following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year:

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand December 31st, 1908.....	\$ 4,938.37
“ Certificates	1,324.00
“ Membership Dues	3,718.40
“ Registration Fees	1,344.30
“ Dispensations	253.00
“ Warrants	40.00
“ Constitutions	144.00
“ Sundries, Ceremonies, etc.....	182.55
Interest—Industrial School Bonds.....	680.00
“ —Toronto General Trusts Bonds.....	80.00
“ —Town of Orillia Bonds.....	149.01
“ —City of Stratford Bonds.....	100.84
“ —Town of Oshawa	119.69
“ —Bank of Commerce	58.23
	—————\$13,132.39

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grants to Benevolence	\$ 900.00
Salaries	1,900.00

Atwell Fleming Prtg. Co., Proceedings, etc...	922.34
The Rolph Clark Co., Certificates.....	923.05
Printing, Binding Constitutions, etc.....	227.52
Foreign Correspondence Report	200.00
Rent, Temple Building	198.00
Incidentals, G. S. E.....	492.00
Past Grand Z., Travelling Expenses.....	300.00
Grand Scribe E., do do	350.00
Testimonial P. G. Z.....	250.00
Miss E. Shaw, Address, P. G. Z.....	50.00
Bell Telephone Co.....	52.00
Masonic Pub. Co.....	35.00
Thomson Engraving Co.....	37.00
D. Henderson, Engrossing Warrants	30.00
Kent & Co., Goods.....	20.30
Copp, Clark & Co., Warrants.....	75.00
Grand Janitor	10.00
Might Directories Co.....	7.50
Guarantee Co. Bonds.....	10.00
B. Cairns, Electros, etc.....	4.60
Bain & Co., Office Sundries	9.55
D. Moore & Co., Box, Grand Treasurer.....	7.00
Insurance, Office Effects	4.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 7,014.86
Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	\$ 6,117.53
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	\$13,132.39

ASSETS.

Bonds, Toronto General Trusts, 4%.....	\$ 2,000.00
Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, 4%.....	17,000.00
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 10, 4%.....	1,218.13
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 11, 4%.....	1,266.86
Debentures, City of Stratford, 4%.....	2,521.00
Debentures, Town of Oshawa, No. 10.....	1,300.61
Debentures, Town of Oshawa, No. 17.....	1,359.14
Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	6,117.53
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	\$32,783.27

Your Committee beg to recommend the following appropriations:

Benevolence Grants	\$980.00
Foreign Correspondence Committee	200.00
Incidentals, advance 1910.....	500.00
Bal. Incidentals, 1909.....	83.00
Bal. G. S. E. Travelling Expenses	476.00
Inspector of Benevolence	100.00

From the splendid financial condition of Grand Chapter your Committee feel justified in recommending that

such sum as may not interfere with the necessary demands of Grand Chapter be invested in such interest-bearing securities as may seem advisable to the Grand Council and Grand Treasurer.

The many applications for new Chapters received by the Grand Scribe E., especially from the western part of Canada, show conclusively the excellent condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the great North-west, and even beyond to the Pacific Ocean. It is pleasing also to learn that many more applications may be expected in the near future from the West, as well as from the Province of Ontario.

The continued increase of membership and the constant adding of new Chapters to our roll naturally entails much additional work upon the Grand Scribe E., whose duties are now very strenuous, and your Committee would, therefore, recommend that the salary of the Grand Scribe E. be increased at least \$200 per annum.

Your Committee desire to call attention to the office accommodation of the Grand Scribe E., which has been fairly adequate in the past, but the steadily growing requirements necessitates increased office room, and they would suggest that the matter of extending the present accommodation receive immediate consideration. In offering this important suggestion your Committee have in view the time now fast approaching, if not already arrived, when assistance must be secured in the office of the Grand Scribe E.

It is to be regretted that many of the Scribes E. throughout the jurisdiction fail to recognize the principle that "promptness is the soul of business," and that they continue to persist in being dilatory in sending in their annual returns. The Grand Superintendents of the districts on their visitations to the Chapters should impress upon the First Principals that it is essential that they have their Scribes E. promptly remit the annual returns of their Chapters to the office of the Grand Scribe E. at the close of the financial year, viz., the 31st December.

The valuable assistance rendered by the Inspector of Benevolence to this Grand Chapter yearly in the way of

advice regarding the worthiness, or otherwise, of applicants for benevolence your Committee think should this year be recognized in some way, and they therefore placed in the items of appropriations the sum of \$100 for that R. E. Companion.

In closing this report your Committee are pleased to say that they still find the books of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer neatly and accurately kept in every particular.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,

Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, seconded by R. E. Comp. G. B. Foster, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

I herewith submit my report as Grand Lecturer.

The reference to the office of Grand Lecturer, made by the Grand Z. at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, has had the effect of giving that office a greater degree of prominence than it has ever had before. I have been called upon to give decisions regarding the work by Grand Superintendents and other officers, entailing a considerable amount of correspondence.

My intercourse with the Companions on my visits to private Chapters and Chapters of Instruction has been most pleasant to me, and, from the expressions of the members, I am led to believe it has been profitable to them.

It has been my duty to urge upon the Companions that our work should be rendered as nearly correct as possible. I am of opinion, however, that while correctness is important, impressiveness is much more important. I would rather hear an officer render the work in such

a manner as to forcibly impress upon the candidate the great lessons designed to be taught by our ceremonies, even if he were anything but perfect in the ritual, than to hear the work, with every word in place, hurried over in a perfunctory manner, leaving little impression behind except that the officer had an excellent memory. I may have been a little severe on one or two occasions in my criticism of the work presented. If so, I hope the Companions will not think it was from a desire to find fault, but rather to hear the ceremony exemplified in the best possible manner, so that the profound lessons designed to be taught by our work should be deeply impressed upon the minds of the candidates in their progress through the several degrees.

During the year nine Chapters of Instruction have been held, of which I have attended seven. I was not present at the one held in the London District, or the first of the two held in the Toronto District.

On June 7th I accompanied the Grand Z. to a Chapter of Instruction, held at Picton, under the superintendence of R. E. Comp. W. R. Howson. The work was exemplified by Prince Edward, No. 31, Picton, Mount Sinai, No. 44, Napanee, and The Moira, No. 7, Belleville. The work was well exemplified, particularly the M. M. M. degree by Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31.

On October 25th I attended the Chapter of Instruction held at Stratford under the superintendence of R. E. Comp. John Stevenson. The work was exemplified by Chantry, No. 130, Southampton, Huron, No. 30, Goderich, and Tecumseh, No. 24, Stratford. The attendance was large and the work was well exemplified.

On November 10th I accompanied the Grand Z. at a Chapter of Instruction, held at Port Hope under the direction of R. E. Comp. J. W. Sanders. The work was exemplified by Corinthian, No. 36, Peterboro, Victoria, No. 37, Port Hope, and Excelsior, No. 45, Colborne.

On November 19th, by direction of the Grand Z., I went to Ottawa, where the members of Carleton Chapter,

No. 16, were holding what is termed their annual reunion and Chapter of Instruction. The work was well exemplified. There were a large number of Companions present, and the meeting was of more than ordinary interest.

On December 14th I attended a Chapter of Instruction, held at Chatham under the direction of R. E. Comp. Thomas Scullard. A large number of Companions were present. The work was well exemplified by Lorne, No. 164, West Lorne, Ark, No. 80, Windsor, and Wellington, No. 47, Chatham.

The most successful Chapter of Instruction of the year was held at Hamilton on January 10, under the superintendence of R. E. Comp. W. T. Marlatt. The work was exemplified in a manner that left nothing to be desired, by St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton; Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton, and St. Clair, No. 75, Milton. The presence of M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, Grand Z.; R. E. Comp. Fred. W. Harcourt, Grand H., and R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, of the Executive Committee, added much to the interest of the meeting, and the remarks of these Grand officers were received with marked attention.

At each of these Chapters of Instruction the work was well exemplified, and the officers deserve great credit for the care and attention that they must have given to it. Where all did so well, it may seem invidious to particularize; but credit should be given where credit is due, and I desire to express my special commendation of the exemplification of the M. M. M. degree by Prince Edward, No. 31, Picton; of the M. E. M. degree, by Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton, and the R. A. degree, by St. Clair, No. 75, Milton.

At each of these Chapters of Instruction I gave a lecture on either the M. M. M. or R. A. degrees.

I have visited four Chapters in response to a special invitation from the First Principal. On March 31st I visited St. John's, No. 3, London, exemplified the mystical lecture, and gave an address on "The Symbolism of

the Royal Arch." The Chapter is in a splendid condition, and, under the direction of E. Comp. Richard Oke, its efficient First Principal, is sure to have a successful term.

On June 18 I visited Aylmer Chapter, No. 81. E. Comp. E. A. Richards is an efficient presiding officer, and the Chapter is having a successful career.

I visited King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, on June 20th and October 28th. On the latter occasion the Chapter celebrated its "Canadian Night." The toast of "Canada" was proposed by E. Comp. W. H. Wardrope, of Hamilton, and responded to by E. Comp. W. N. Ponton, of Belleville. The meeting was most enjoyable. E. Comp. A. H. Loughheed, the energetic First Principal, is to be congratulated upon the great success of the Chapter.

On February 7 I visited The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto. The new staff of officers, with E. Comp. D. Greerson as First Principal, exemplified the M. M. M. degree. It is needless to say that with such veterans as E. Comp. John McCurrah and D. Grierson at the helm, this young Chapter is sure to succeed.

On February 14th I attended the Grand Z. at the organization of a new Chapter in the City of Hamilton, to be named "The Hamilton" Chapter. A large number of distinguished Companions were present, including R. E. Comps. Fred. H. Harcourt, Aubrey White, William Forbes and other R. E. Companions. The Chapter starts under the most favorable conditions. I am confident that the officers, under E. Comp. W. H. Ballard as First Principal, will give an excellent account of themselves. The institution of this Chapter should give new life to Royal Arch Masonry in the city of Hamilton.

In conclusion, I desire to express my acknowledgments to the M. E. the Grand Z. for the many kindnesses extended to me during the year, and also to convey my thanks to the Grand Superintendents and Companions

for the fraternal consideration and courteous treatment I have received at their hands while visiting them officially.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NIXON,
Grand Lecturer.

Moved by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Forbes, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Grand Lecturer be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., and the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry beg leave to report that they have carefully read and considered the reports of the nineteen Grand Superintendents of the districts into which this Grand Jurisdiction is divided, and the special report with respect to Klondike Chapter, in Dawson City, warranted by this Grand Chapter, but at present unattached to any district.

The Grand Superintendents are the eyes and ears of the Grand Z., for the purpose of ascertaining the circumstances which are expanding or retarding the growth of the Institution, and, if sloth exists, enabling him to apply the proper remedy. The faithful discharge of these duties entails many sacrifices and much labor upon those who undertake them; the wonder is, considering the enormous distances to be traveled in visiting Chapters, that busy men are found willing to make the sacrifice and endure the discomforts incident to the faithful discharge of this labor of love.

The Grand Superintendents for this year have been no violators of the good rule which has prevailed in the past as to careful and close inspection. In Ontario, nearly every Chapter has been visited. In Manitoba, the inspections were more general, and therefore more satisfactory, than they have been for many years. The Grand Superintendent of Saskatchewan has been energetic and

invites Grand Chapter to watch Saskatchewan grow. Your Committee can pardon his exultation when it finds that nearly one-fourth of the total gain in membership during the past year has come from his district. The other Grand Superintendents all report growth and prosperity.

The details from which the condition of the Royal Craft may be deduced are dealt with intelligently and at length by the Grand Superintendents. They are: the numerical growth and its quality; the character of the work that is being done by the Chapters; the ability and attention to duty of the officers; the harmony that exists; the financial condition, and the work of the Scribes E. If these various duties are favorably commented upon, then we may be sure that a strong esprit du corps exists, and we need have no anxiety. If, on the other hand, laxity or neglect is prevalent, then anxiety arises, and we must analyze the cause and apply the remedy. Fortunately, the reports are pleasant reading, and if the consensus of opinion expressed in them is to be put into words, your Committee may say that confidence, good works and financial prosperity are the dominating characteristics of the Royal Craft.

The numerical growth continues to be satisfactory, both in numbers and quality. The number of Chapters on the roll at the present time is 149. Of these, 13 are under dispensation—this latter fact evidencing the desire which still continues throughout the jurisdiction to obtain the teaching of the Royal Arch system of Masonry.

The membership at the last Annual Convocation was 13,032. The details of this year's growth are as follows:

Admissions	1,267	Resignations	226
Joinings	259	S. N. P. D.....	142
Restored	30	Deaths	114
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	1,556		482

Showing a net gain of 1,074.

This makes the present numerical strength of the Order to be 14,106 members in good standing. The

opinion reflected in the reports of the Grand Superintendents is that care in the selection of candidates prevails universally, and so we are warranted in assuming that the growth is a healthy one and calculated to strengthen the reputation as well as the numbers of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Superintendents report only three Chapters in a weak condition and requiring attention. In the case of one Chapter, the surrender of its warrant was suggested. Since the report of that Grand Superintendent was written, the embers have been stirred, Masonic warmth restored, and ten candidates admitted, and in the immediate future this Chapter will be burning with energy to redeem lost time. With a little nursing the other two Chapters will probably take on renewed life and vigor. Reference is made to these Chapters to emphasize the opinion expressed on previous occasions by your Committee, viz.: that Grand Chapter should be slow to withdraw a warrant while there is the slightest possibility of resuscitation. The esoteric work is reported to be carefully and intelligently done in all the degrees, which is a consummation long hoped for by this Grand Chapter. This state of affairs is no doubt in a measure due to the fact that in nearly every Chapter the Z. is capable of working degrees; that the Grand Lecturer has been abroad, and last, but by no means least, that a number of Chapters of Instruction have been held. The beautiful work of the Royal Arch degree demands that it be accurately and impressively conferred, and Chapters and Grand Superintendents should work to this end.

Absolute and entire harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction. The relations of the Chapters are those of friendly emulation in all good works, without the faintest whisper of unpleasantness or jealousy.

The Constitution, by-laws and regulations under which the Royal Craft lives, moves and has its being are universally respected and obeyed. Not one Superintendent reports a difficulty or requests a ruling. Such a state of affairs is as satisfactory as it is unique.

The work of the Scribes is reported to be intelligently performed and correspondence promptly and courteously answered. There is only one word of advice your Committee would give to Z.'s and Scribes: see that your Chapter's history is carefully preserved by full and accurate minutes, and make special efforts to send returns to the Grand Scribe E. in proper time.

The financial condition of the Chapters is also reported to be good, although there are still large amounts outstanding for arrears of dues. Your Committee has so often spoken upon this vexed question, and pointed out what course should be pursued, that it is unnecessary to again dwell upon it. No defalcation or shortage has occurred anywhere, and it is believed that the good practice of putting the Treasurers and Scribes under bonds is being generally pursued.

The benevolence of Grand Chapter is fairly liberal and well and carefully administered. The hope is that, while large demands may not be made upon us, we shall be always ready to generously aid those belonging to us who need our care. It is only when we are certain that our duty in this matter has been discharged with full measure, heaped up and flowing over, that we ought to be content. The benevolence of Grand Chapter this year amounts to \$980.00 and the benevolence of the private Chapters to \$1,937.00, or in all \$2,917.00, expended in aid of indigent Companions and the widows and orphans of deceased members.

The Grand Superintendents are loud in their praise of the hospitality extended to them and the pleasure enjoyed in meeting their Companions round the refreshment board after the labor is done. This is as it should be—hospitality and courteous treatment should be meted out to all visitors—especially to those representing the Grand Z.

Your Committee is pleased to report that nine Chapters of Instruction were held this year as against two last year. While the improvement is marked, it is a long

way from the ideal position we should occupy. The holding of only nine Chapters of Instruction where there should have been nineteen leaves plenty of margin for improvement. Chapters of Instruction were held in the following districts: St. Clair, London, Hamilton, Toronto (2), Ontario, Prince Edward, Ottawa and Huron. The Grand Superintendents of these districts speak in terms of great satisfaction as to the benefits accruing from these useful and pleasant functions.

To the incoming Grand Superintendents in the districts where no Chapters of Instruction were held the Committee suggests the wisdom of bringing these districts in touch, Chapter with Chapter, in this way, as well as carrying out the oft-repeated instructions of Grand Chapter.

The Committee is pleased to note that the Grand Lecturer has been called upon to visit Chapters and give advice and instruction. This officer is so capable and well skilled that a Chapter cannot fail to be benefitted by a visit from him.

The presence of the Grand Z. in a number of districts has given an impetus to the progress of the Order, and his unfailing courtesy to those desiring access to him has endeared him to the hearts of all his Companions.

The Committee notes with pleasure that the untiring and indefatigable Grand Scribe E. found time to visit the western part of this Grand jurisdiction. His presence must have been pleasant to the Companions in that end of the Dominion, and no doubt the Royal Craft received great benefit by the words of wisdom and advice he was able and willing to give them.

The past year has been one of steady growth, perfect harmony and easy circumstances. Nothing has occurred that has been disturbing, but on the contrary the history made has been pleasant and inspiring. May this state of affairs continue, and may increased membership of good

quality, intelligent work, perfect harmony, duty performed, and a loving charity distinguish us to an even greater extent in the years that are to come.

Respectfully submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of R. E. Comp. W. J. McAllister, of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, Ontario, begs to report as follows:

On or about the 10th December, 1908, R. E. Comp. W. J. McAllister, as Scribe E., St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, Ontario, prepared the annual return of said Chapter for the year, since date of the last return to 31st December, 1908. The Grand Scribe E. has for years placed on the blank returns to be used annually by Scribes E. a notice calling on them to send in the return immediately after the regular meeting in December, and not delay it until 31st December. This was necessary to prevent delay, as the Grand Scribe E. had only three weeks within which to prepare his report to Grand Chapter, prior to this year, as the Annual Convocation took place on the fourth Wednesday in January. R. E. Comp. McAllister had adopted this course for several years, and on presenting his annual return on or about 10th December, 1908, to the Z. of the Chapter, E. Comp. McGiverin. for signature, the latter refused to sign it, as an emergency Convocation was held later in the month, and he desired that a correct return to the 31st December should be sent in, showing

the work done after the regular meeting on 10th December, and which would be in accordance with the printed return made up to 31st December. He requested his Scribe E., R. E. Comp. McAllister, to do so, but this the latter refused, and sent in his return as of the 31st of December, 1908, but not including the work done at the emergency Convocation, to the Grand Scribe E., without the signature of the Z. of the Chapter.

The matter was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee at a meeting held in March, 1909, when the Grand First Principal was requested to direct the Grand Scribe E. "to remit the first return made by Scribe E. of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, in order that the date therein may be changed to the 10th December, 1908, so that it will comply with the actual work done in St. John's Chapter to that date, and the actual fees paid to Grand Chapter."

The Scribe E. again refused to alter the return, and after being warned and peremptorily summoned by the Grand Z., and still refusing compliance, he was suspended by M. E. Comp. George Moore, the Grand Z., until this Convocation of Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. McAllister was right in making out his return to 10th December, 1908, if there were no subsequent emergent Convocations held during that month, as that was all that the Grand Scribe E. could or did request by his notice on the blank return, because the Constitution cannot be set aside by him or any other officer. But when the Z. of his Chapter refused to sign the document, and ordered him to make a new return, he should have done so, as the Z. would have been responsible, and not the Scribe E. Further, the Z. is "the superior officer, and is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to subordinate Chapters, and that all returns are made to Grand Chapter."—Section 86.

It was no part of the Scribe E.'s duty to refuse to obey the instructions of the Z. Then when the Grand Z., acting upon the request of the Executive Committee,

instructed him to prepare a proper return, and he again refused; and further, when summoned and peremptorily summoned by the Grand Z., the head of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, and ordered to comply, he not only failed to do so, but in his appeal used language which was insulting to the Chief Executive Officer, he puts himself out of court, and was properly punished by suspension.

It is to be regretted that an old and respected officer should have placed himself in such a position. Obedience to constituted authority is a Masonic virtue, and your Committee feels that for his repeated acts of disobedience he was properly punished by suspension.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the action of the M. E. Grand First Principal in suspending R. E. Comp. McAllister be approved.

Your Committee further recommends that the suspension be now removed by Grand Chapter, as, in its opinion, the recalcitrant officer has suffered sufficient punishment, and, no doubt this action—necessary action—on the part of the M. E. the Grand Z. will have a good effect in future on all officers, and ensure a full and complete compliance with Masonic law and usage.

Dated at Toronto, this 23rd February, 1910.

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. O. Ellwood, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee begs to report that it has derived much pleasure from a reading of the thoughtful and

practical address presented by the M. E. the Grand Z. to this Grand Chapter.

This pleasure is enhanced by the fact that during the year many new Chapters have been added to the roster; our membership has, therefore, shown a most gratifying increase, and in natural sequence our finances are in a most satisfactory condition.

Your Committee shares in the sorrow expressed by the Grand Z. at the departure of Companions who communed with us in our last annual reunion. These Companions have entered the other life. Amongst these faithful workers was one who in his prime was stricken down while discharging the duties of Grand Superintendent of a flourishing district of this Grand Chapter. We miss the friendly faces and the absent voices of the Companions who journeyed with us, and extend our deep sympathy to those who sorrow for the loved ones who have said the last good-bye.

Your Committee notes with pleasure the presence during the year of the M. E. the Grand Z. in many of the Chapters of the jurisdiction. It is most satisfactory to know that the exemplification of the work in the different degrees met with his commendation.

The courtesies extended to our Grand Z. by our Companions in Cleveland, Ohio, on two fraternal visits is but characteristic of the hospitality of our Companions across the line, and a sure token of the friendship and fellowship that exists between the American and Canadian jurisdictions.

Your Committee commends the Grand Z. for his judgment in the decisions quoted in his address. It is regrettable, of course, that a brother who has received the Craft degrees should be unable, through a physical disability created at a subsequent date, to progress through the degrees of the Royal Craft. But to order otherwise would be a direct perversion of the ancient usages and landmarks of Freemasonry. The candidate for initiation in a Craft lodge must be able to acquire a knowledge and impart to others the secrets of the Craft,

so as to be recognized as a member of the Craft. As in the Symbolic, so in the Capitular, the same rule obtains. The decision accords with that given by the highest authorities in other jurisdictions, and is in harmony with similar rulings given in this jurisdiction during the past fifty years.

Your Committee approves of the action of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for his absolute adherence to the letter of the law in connection with the conferring of our degrees, and that any variation for the purpose of obtaining spectacular and dramatic effects cannot be permitted.

Your Committee recalls that years ago, in the preparation of the authorized work and other ceremonies of this Grand Chapter, a great deal of time and most careful consideration was exercised with the special object of obtaining uniformity in the work, for in the earlier years of this Grand Chapter some considerable difficulty had been experienced in keeping the officers and Chapters in line so that irregular features might not be introduced or the work in any way varied. Uniformity in our work is one of the essentials, and for any deviation from the procedure, the ceremonies and forms prescribed by this Grand Chapter, the officer or officers so offending should be properly disciplined. It goes without saying that the ruling of the Grand Z. will have the unanimous support of the members of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee reads with pleasure the clauses of the Grand Z.'s address concerning Chapters of Instruction. Years ago these Chapters were few and far between. It seemed impossible to get the Companions together in the districts so that the work might be properly exemplified. But it is gratifying to know that of late years a new interest has been awakened. The Companions now begin to recognize that if we are to have uniform and impressive ceremonies those who exemplify the degrees must be properly tutored and instructed. So it is to the credit of the Grand Superintendents that this year no fewer than nine Chapters of Instruction have

been held, with an attendance that shows a renewed interest in the work.

Much of the success of these Chapters of Instruction is due to the work of R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, the Grand Lecturer. His perfect knowledge of the work as authorized and his thorough understanding of the history and symbolism of all that appertains to the degrees is simply invaluable.

It is true that during the first few years of the Grand Lecturer's appointment, the mail bags were not overladen with invitations to visit Chapters, but during the past two or three years the Chapters have sought his aid, and have given him a cordial welcome. Our Grand Lecturer is a Companion thoroughly qualified not only to exemplify the work in every detail, but to give information on any and every point that may come up for discussion in connection with either the work or the ceremonies of the institution.

Your Committee regrets to learn that a grave irregularity was introduced in one of the Chapters in connection with the exemplification of the M. M. and R. A. degrees. It is incomprehensible that the presiding officer of any Chapter should introduce the novel and improper method of making Royal Arch Masons by proxy.

To have sixteen candidates for the M. M. and R. A. and exemplify the work with two on the floor and fourteen sitting as spectators is scarcely pardonable.

We are told of short cuts to wealth and royal roads to learning, but all such efforts are eclipsed by this new departure, which makes R. A. Masons practically "at sight" instead of by the time-honored method handed down to us by our ancestors in the Royal Craft.

We are told that it is but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous. There is no sublimity in the innovation of making Royal Arch Masons by proxy. If we allow that innovation to become a precedent, it is but a step from making Masons by proxy to making them by mail, and we will be within sight of the time when brethren of

the Craft lodges will be invited to join a correspondence school and let the advertiser make them Royal Arch Masons by mail.

The Grand Z. was merciful when he simply condemned the practice in a case that it is to be hoped will never be repeated in a Chapter of this jurisdiction.

Your Committee agrees with the Grand Z. that the work of the Grand Scribe E. must be facilitated by prompt attention to the sending in of reports and returns required by that official. It is impossible that the work of the executive officer of Grand Chapter can be carried on satisfactorily when there is apparently deliberate neglect on the part of officers of the Chapters in the forwarding of official documents and fees.

To say the least, it is unfair to handicap the work of the Grand Scribe E. by the neglect and easy-going ways of the Scribe E. in many Chapters. If these methods are to continue then some drastic regulation will have to be introduced in order to bring those offending to a sense of their duty. The E. Z. of every Chapter should see that the S. E. promptly forwards returns.

Your Committee endorses the action of the Grand Z. in declining to authorize the postponement of Chapter functions simply because Companions have other and outside engagements not connected with the Royal Craft. Those who are honored by Companions with office should remember that their pledge on installation to promote obedience to the laws and regulations of Grand Chapter is a solemn one that should never be violated.

The Grand Z. points out in his address that in the submitting of amendments to the by-laws of Chapters the form of application has not in some cases been followed out. The regulations provided are of a very simple character. Neglect to follow the procedure laid down is not only irregular, but entails unnecessary correspondence, and, as a consequence, delay in securing the approval of the M. E. Grand Z.

Your Committee notes with great satisfaction the institution of new Chapters in the western provinces of

Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, and also the addition of four new Chapters in the Province of Ontario.

Your Committee is also pleased to see the Grand Z.'s pronouncement in connection with the vest pocket diploma. The issuance of private diplomas or certificates seems to be authorized in some of the American jurisdictions, from the fact that a Companion made in the State of Washington, who had been furnished with one of these certificates and afterwards affiliated with a Chapter in Ontario, asked the endorsation of that Chapter, and in addition solicited the signature of the Grand Z. and the seal of Grand Chapter to the document he had obtained from his mother Chapter.

Nearly a century ago the Craft lodges and Chapters under the old provincial charters occasionally issued private certificates, but this system was abolished years before the formation of the present Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Canada. The giving of such certificates is foreign to the methods of the British jurisdictions, and Chapters in our jurisdictions should be careful not to recognize Companions who apply for admission without the regular certificates that are recognized by the Grand jurisdictions of foreign countries.

Your Committee was delighted to know that the recent visit of the R. E. Grand Scribe E. to the Chapters west of and including Sault Ste. Marie has proved of so much service to the Royal Craft. This mark of regard must be paid to the present occupant of the office, that in the discharge of his official duties as Grand Scribe E., his knowledge of the rules, regulations and constitution of the Grand Chapter, his fund of general information, and the close attention that he pays to the work of his office, has rendered him one of the most useful officials that has ever been connected with this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee, in closing this review of the annual message of the Grand Z. to the Royal Craft, desires to testify to the high esteem that the Companions have for the M. E. Companion who has so ably filled the position

of First Grand Principal during the past year. The interest he has taken in the work, the care and watchfulness he has exercised in his government of the jurisdiction, his courtesy, not only to the Chapters, but to every Companion with whom he has come in contact, has endeared him to every member of the Royal Craft. His work has contributed largely to the increased prosperity which has come to this Grand Chapter during the past year, a year that has closed with a record that must be gratifying to every one of the fourteen thousand Companions who have reached the summit and perfection of Ancient Masonry in the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

.. J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address be received and adopted.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations were submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case and the selections were confirmed.

R. E. Comp.	M. B. Squire, Windsor	St. Clair	Dist. No.	1
"	" S. E. Cornell, Sarnia	London	"	2
"	" Jno. W. Dutton, Woodstock	Wilson	"	3
"	" David Collins, Galt	Wellington	"	4
"	" Fred. Miller, Hamilton	Hamilton	"	5
"	" J. G. Constable, St. Mary's	Huron	"	6
"	" W. F. Randall, Grimsby	Niagara	"	7
"	" E. M. Carleton, Toronto	Toronto	"	8
"	" W. H. Wright, Owen Sound	Georgian	"	9
"	" W. H. Walkey, Peterboro	Ontario	"	10
"	" B. H. Siddell, Trenton	Prince Edward	"	11
"	" Will C. Davy, Morrisburg	St. Lawrence	"	12
"	" John W. Fenton, Ottawa	Ottawa	"	13
"	" F. A. Campbell, Kenora	Algoma	"	14

R. E. Comp	Wm. Young, Neepawa	Manitoba	Dist. No. 15
"	Wm. Burns, Vancouver	Br. Columbia	" 16
"	James Rae, Medicine Hat	Alberta	" 17
"	J. F. Armstrong, Cranbrook	Kootenay	" 18
"	Geo. Will, Prince Albert	Saskatchewan	" 19
"	T. E. Simpson, S. S. Marie	New Ontario	" 20

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of Grand officers was then proceeded with. The M. E. the Grand Z. having appointed R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon as chairman of the scrutineers of the ballot, the results of the elections were declared as follows:

M. E. Comp. George Moore, Hamilton	Grand Z.	} <i>Grand Council</i>
R. E. Comp. Fred. W. Harcourt, Toronto	Grand H.	
R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, Sarnia	Grand J.	
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto	Grand Scribe E.	
R. E. Comp. A. T. Freed, Hamilton	Grand Scribe N.	
M. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, Beamsville	Grand Treasurer.	
R. E. Comp. Russell Hartney, Brandon	Grand Prin. Sojourner.	
R. E. Comp. F. A. H. Fysh, Dawson	Grand Registrar.	
Comp. Jas. M. Pritchard, Toronto,	Grand Janitor.	

The following Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

R. E. Comp. Aubrey White	Toronto.
R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch	Kingston.
R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner	Collingwood.
R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith	Toronto.
R. E. Comp. William Forbes	Grimsby.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Toronto being the only place nominated for the Fifty-third Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, on the fourth Wednesday in February, 1911, that city was declared to be the unanimous choice of Grand Chapter.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, assisted by M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers of Grand Chapter, who were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved,—That M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson be continued a member of the Committee on Benevolence for the term of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:

R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon retires in.....	1911
M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding retires in.....	1912
M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson retires in.....	1913

NEW DISTRICT.

In the absence of E. Comp. J. B. Way, it was moved by R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, seconded by R. E. Comp. Alex. Cowan, and

Resolved,—That a new District be formed, to be known as New Ontario District, No. 20, which shall include the following Chapters: Pembroke, No. 58, at Mattawa; Tuscan, No. 95, at Sudbury; Algonquin, No. 102, at Sault Ste. Marie, and St. John's, No. 103, at North Bay, and to comprise the territory lying north of Lake Nipissing, French River, Georgian Bay and Mattawa and Pembroke, and on the west by a line midway between the great lakes, bounded on the east by a line midway between Sault Ste. Marie and Port Arthur.

ISSUE OF DISPENSATIONS.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. E. Comp. Shaw:

1. That Section 46 of the Constitution be amended by expunging all words before "Dispensations" in the first line, and substituting therefor "All requests made to him for" and adding after the word "district" in the last line "must be submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z. through the Grand Scribe E."

2. That all words after the word "Principal" in the third line of Section 118 and the words "except a funeral" in the second line of Section 119 be eliminated, and to add after the word "matter" in the last line "The wearing of Royal Arch clothing at Masonic funerals is not permitted."

3. That Section 28 be amended by eliminating all between the letter "J" and the word "all" in the seventh line.

On being put to the vote, the foregoing proposed amendments were severally declared *lost*.

SECOND AND THIRD PRINCIPALS.

By the same: That Section 78 be amended by inserting between the words "Principal" and "No" in the sixth line, the following: "The title 'Excellent' shall only apply to the three Principals in office and to a Past First Principal."

On a vote being taken the proposed amendment was declared *lost*.

M. E. M. DEGREE.

By the same: That Section 3 of the Constitution be amended by expunging all between the words "of" and "Mark" in the sixth line, all between the words "Arch" in the ninth line and "and" in the tenth line and all between the words "Mark" in the sixteenth line and "Master" in the seventeenth line; and that all subsequent clauses affected by such expunging be altered accordingly.

The vote being taken by Chapters, the result of the ballot disclosed a majority against the amendment.

CHANGE OF DATE.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. A. Clark, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, and

Resolved,—That in view of the change of date of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, that Sections 23 and 141 be amended so that the respective dates may read "30th November and 31st December."

APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, seconded by R. E. Comp. Brunton, and

Resolved,—That the preamble to Section 92 be altered to read: "Every candidate for Chapter degrees must have resided for one year immediately previous to the date of his petition in the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he seeks admission or produces a certificate of character and consent from the Chapter nearest to the place of his previous residence. He shall furnish evidence of his good standing and be a Master Mason for at least three months, except the period be shortened by dispensation of the Grand First Principal, etc."

And that Section 93 be amended by expunging all between the words "he" in the second line and "gives" in the third line.

SUBMISSION OF BY-LAWS, ETC.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, seconded by R. E. Comp. Clark, and

Resolved,—That Section 70 be amended by inserting after the word “shall” in the fourteenth line the words “in the form of certified extracts from the minutes” and after the word “submitted” in the next line the words “in duplicate.”

2. That Section 74 be amended by inserting after the word “officers” in the eighth line the words “and standing Committees.”

FORM OF CHAPTER MINUTES.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That Section 121 be amended by expunging all between the words “Chapter” and “The” in the third line.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, seconded by M. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson,

That the M. E. the Grand Z. appoint a committee to consider the advisability of adopting a badge or jewel to distinguish the representatives of this Grand Chapter at the various Grand Chapters to which they have been accredited, to be worn while holding the position as the insignia of that office.

METHODS OF BALLOTING.

M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, with reference to his motion, submitted at last Annual Convocation, “that the M. E. the Grand Z. appoint a Committee to consider several proposed methods of voting by ballot for office in Grand Chapter,” explained that he had postponed calling the Committee so appointed owing to the fact that a similar proposal elsewhere was still under consideration.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. William Forbes, seconded by M. E. Comp. William Gibson, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Toronto Masonic Hall Trust for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the

Toronto Chapters, for their kindly attention and fraternal reception to the officers and members of Grand Chapter, as well as for the arrangements made for the Fifty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand body.

TESTIMONIAL TO P. G. Z.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your Committee appointed to prepare an address and present a testimonial to the retiring M. E. Grand First Principal, John Leslie, desire to report that on the 2nd day of December, 1909, in Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg, R. E. Comp. Robert Magness, on behalf of the Committee, associated with him being many R. E. Companions and Past First Principals, read the following engrossed address and presented to M. E. Comp. John Leslie a very beautiful cabinet of sterling silver, which was highly appreciated and fittingly replied to by the M. E. Past Grand First Principal.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. SHAW,

On behalf of Committee.

To the Most Excellent Companion John Leslie, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION,—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, desirous of marking in some manner their appreciation of the good work done by you during the past two years while presiding as Grand First Principal, take this opportunity of presenting you with this cabinet of sterling silver in acknowledgment of the services you have rendered the Royal Craft of Canada.

In presenting this testimonial Grand Chapter desires to assure you that in retiring from the highest office in Capitular Masonry you carry with you the love and admiration of every Companion of the Order; your courtesy and consideration for others marked your tenure of office, while your dignity and firmness won the respect of all over whom you presided.

It cannot but be a source of gratification to you, as well as to the Grand Chapter, that your official visitations to the western boundaries of our jurisdiction have given an impetus to the work

in these sections and have been the means of binding more firmly our Royal Craft, strengthening in the lives of the Companions the noble principles enunciated by the Order, and bringing the thousands associated with you in the Order to see how greatness is achieved by serving one another.

The Grand Chapter expects to retain for many years the advantage of your experience gained by the many honorable positions which you have occupied both in Capitular as well as in Craft Masonry, and, Most Excellent Companion, may the Almighty continue to impart to you His wisdom, guarding you and your dear ones from all evil and preserving through time that bond of love which shall be renewed in that greater Chapter within the veil of everlasting bliss.

Signed on behalf of Grand Chapter this 2nd day of December, A.L. 5909.

DONALD ROSS,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
A. SHAW,		
WM. FORBES,		
F. W. HARCOURT,		
ROBT. MAGNESS,		

It was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. E. Comp. D. Ross, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the testimonial to M. E. Comp. Leslie be received and adopted.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

The following appointments by the M. E. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. E. Comp.	D. H. McIntosh, M.D.	Carleton Place
"	" Oliver Ellwood	London
"	" R. H. Spencer	Trenton
"	" W. N. Ponton	Belleville
"	" C. W. Haentschel, M.D.	Haileybury

ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	S. R. Bews, Milton	Grand Senior Sojourner
"	" John McCurrah, Toronto	" Junior Sojourner
R. E.	" Jas. B. Nixon, Toronto	" Lecturer
V. E.	" G. J. Scott, Oshawa	" Sword Bearer
"	" J. E. Keays, London	" Master 1st Veil
"	" Geo. K. Dewey, Brockville	" Master 2nd Veil
"	" Don'd Robertson, Rainy Riv.	" Master 3rd Veil

V. E. Comp.	Frank Hills, Hamilton	Grand Master	4th Veil
"	" Fred. G. Rumble, Winnipeg	"	Standard Bearer
"	" W. M. Dickson, Renfrew	"	D. of Ceremonies
"	" J. B. Way, Sault Ste. Marie	"	Organist
"	" J. A. C. Stewart, Toronto	"	Pursuivant
"	" W. G. Irwin, Stratford	"	Steward
"	" J. J. Dunlop, Edmonton	"	Steward
"	" Jas. Shrubsole, Barrie	"	Steward
"	" Chas. F. Walt, Stirling	"	Steward
"	" R. H. Haire, Paris	"	Steward
"	" Edwd. Elwell, Cranbrook	"	Steward
"	" D. E. Russell, Chatham	"	Steward
"	" Frank H. Brown, Port Hope	"	Steward
"	" Jas. McCauley, Moose Jaw	"	Steward
"	" John Livingstone, Harris- ton	"	Steward

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in AMPLE FORM at 6 o'clock p.m.



Geo. J. Bennett

Grand Scribe E.

Toronto, February 23, 1910.

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.
	Anct. Frontenac and		
1	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	Third Friday.....
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....	Fourth Friday.....
3	St. John's.....	London.....	Fourth Wednesday...
4	St. And. and St. John's	Toronto.....	Third Friday.....
5	St. George's.....	London.....	Fourth Tuesday.....
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	Second Thursday.....
7	The Moira.....	Belleville.....	First Tuesday.....
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Thursday.....
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	Second Friday.....
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	Third Friday.....
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	Third Friday.....
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines.....	Friday on or b. f. m. ..
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford.....	First Friday.....
22	Grenville.....	Prescott.....	Second Tuesday.....
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe.....	Thursday af. f. m.
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Third Monday.....
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton.....	Tuesday on or af. f. m..
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood.....	Friday on or b. f. m....
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa.....	Second Friday.....
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville.....	Third Friday.....
30	Huron.....	Goderich.....	Third Tuesday.....
31	Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	Monday on or af. f. m..
32	Waterloo.....	Galt.....	Second Monday.....
34	Signet.....	Barrie.....	Second Tuesday.....
*35	Keystone.....	Whitby.....	Third Friday.....
36	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	Fourth Friday.....
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope.....	Second Friday.....
40	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Second Friday.....
41	Harris.....	Ingersoll.....	Fourth Friday.....
44	Mount Sinai.....	Napanee.....	Wednesday af. f. m....
45	Excelsior.....	Colborne.....	First Tuesday.....
46	St. James.....	St. Mary's.....	Second Monday.....
47	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	Second Thursday.....
48	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	Friday on or b. f. m....
50	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	Third Tuesday.....
52	Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg.....	First Thursday.....
53	Bruce.....	Petrolia.....	Third Wednesday.....
54	Palestine.....	St. Thomas.....	Second Thursday.....
55	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	Thursday af. f. m....
56	Georgian.....	Owen Sound.....	Third Tuesday.....
57	King Hiram.....	Port Colborne.....	First Thursday.....
58	Pembroke.....	Mattawa.....	Third Tuesday.....
59	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	Third Friday.....
60	Doric.....	Newmarket.....	First Wednesday.....
61	Granite.....	Almonte.....	Second Tuesday.....
62	York.....	Eglington.....	Fourth Wednesday...
63	Havelock.....	Kincardine.....	Third Friday.....
64	Willson.....	Welland.....	Last Wednesday.....
65	St. Paul's.....	Toronto.....	Second Wednesday.....
66	The Malloch.....	Seaforth.....	Third Monday.....
67	Enterprise.....	Harriston.....	First Monday.....
68	Maitland.....	North Augusta.....	Friday af. f. m....
69	Grimsby.....	Grimsby.....	First Monday.....
70	Grand River.....	Bracebridge.....	Third Thursday.....
71	Prince of Wales.....	Amherstburg.....	First Friday.....
72	Keystone.....	Stirling.....	Thursday b. f. m....
73	Erie.....	Ridgetown.....	Monday on or af. f. m. .
74	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	Second Tuesday.....
75	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	Thursday af. f. m....
76	Mount Nebo.....	Niagara Falls, C.....	Friday on or b. f. m....
77	Occident.....	Toronto.....	Second Friday.....
78	Minnewawa.....	Parkhill.....	Friday on or af. f. m....
79	Orient.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Thursday.....
80	Ark.....	Windsor.....	Second Monday.....
81	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	Friday on or af. f. m....
82	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	Third Wednesday.....
83	Ionic.....	Orangeville.....	Tuesday af. f. m....
84	Lebanon.....	Wingham.....	Third Tuesday.....
86	Macpherson.....	Meaford.....	Second Thursday.....
88	MacNabb.....	Dresden.....	First Thursday.....
90	Golden.....	Kenora.....	Third Friday.....
91	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	Third Monday.....
94	Midland.....	Lindsay.....	Third Thursday.....
95	Tuscan.....	Sudbury.....	Second Tuesday.....
98	Vancouver.....	Vancouver.....	Second Wednesday.....

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Chapter No	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admissions.	Joinings.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	A. W. Winnett...	D. J. Evans.....	6	1		1	2		92	4	
2	A. W. Palmer....	Geo. H. Lanigan...	12	4	2			3	300	15	
3	A. L. Simmie....	Oliver Ellwood....	16	1		5		3	312	9	
4	T. J. R. Dewar...	J. T. Lester.....	8		1	1	4	1	154	3	
5	Thos. P. Elliott..	Wm. Spittal.....	22		1	1	3	3	196	16	
6	P. E. Lumsden...	Jas. F. Mercer....	17	2	2	1		3	289	17	
7	W. C. Mikel.....	Wm. McKeown....	13	1	2	2	5	3	150	6	
8	W. H. Shaw.....	E. A. Stuart.....	26			2	3	1	184	20	
15	John Boyd.....	Alex. K. Wanless..	11			1		1	243	9	
16	J. C. Scott.....	John B. Wright...	19	4		1	3	1	182	18	
18	W. F. Hodges....	H. A. Biggins....	6	3					71	9	
19	Jas. E. Merriman.	W. H. Horton....	9					1	137	8	
20	A. C. Barnett....	Angus Campbell...	8		1	1	1	2	168	5	
22	A. T. Adams.....	J. F. Graham.....	1		1				68	2	
23	C. F. Misner.....	R. C. Gunton.....	8	1		6	1		141	2	
24	C. Farquharson..	Jno. Stevenson...	10		1			2	157	9	
26	C. M. Richardson.	R. H. Spencer....	2			4	4	1	91		7
27	C. T. Stephens...	J. F. Collins....	9		1			1	120	7	
28	E. W. Drew.....	L. K. Murton....	1			1			84	1	
29	Wm. Kerr.....	J. R. Robb.....	7	1		1			65	7	
30	W. F. Gallow....	John Straiton....	5			2		4	83		1
31	J. DeC. Hepburn.	J. L. Graydon....	6			2	5	8	168		9
32	R. S. Hamilton...	Chas. Blake.....	5	2					105	7	
34	F. W. Otton.....	J. N. Hobley....	9		1	3		3	227	4	
*35	J. F. Paxton....	W. M. V'n Valk'nbg							74		
36	H. R. Kenner....	W. H. Walkey....	4	1		2		1	112	2	
37	G. N. Taylor....	J. W. Sanders....	5			1		2	116	2	
40	R. Mahoney, Sr..	Chas. M. Gair....							75		
41	W. O. Edwards...	J. F. Williams...	11						76	11	
44	H. A. Wood.....	E. J. Walters....	6			2		2	80	2	
45	R. Snetsinger...	H. J. Mayhew....	5			2		1	77	2	
46	T. L. Sinclair...	A. Carman.....	10	1	1	1			53	11	
47	S. A. McCormock.	D. E. Russell....	15	1		4		2	152	10	
48	J. R. Irwin.....	Robt. Buck.....	6	1					55	7	
50	H. B. Currie....	John Warren....	1			1	1		27		1
52	T. H. Hooper....	Fred G. Rumble..	32	7	2	2		1	353	38	
53	B. Dunlop.....	Richard Bryant...	2					1	101	1	
54	A. Leitch.....	W. E. Idsardi....	19	3		5		5	215	12	
55	B. P. St. John..	Richard Briggs...	3			2			40	1	
56	N. L. Wilson....	Harry Wright, Jr.	8			1			128	7	
57	Wm. McCracken..	Thos. J. O'Neill..							29		
58	W. G. Dinwoodie.	J. D. Christie, M.D.						1	37		1
59	J. W. Mitchell...	Geo. K. Dewey....	6		1			1	130	6	
60	P. Morgan.....	F. H. Prosser....	6			4			88	2	
61	J. T. Kirkland..	M. H. Steele....							60		1
62	T. J. Ivey.....	W. E. Hopkings..	11			2	4		84	5	
63	M. J. MacPherson.	J. A. MacKenzie..	5					1	68	4	
64	Jas. McNiece....	Geo. Wells.....	3						93	3	
65	L. F. Riggs.....	W. J. McCallum..	11			6		3	181	2	
66	G. McMichael...	R. S. Hays.....	1	1					61	2	
67	W. A. Glenney...	C. Scudamore....	1			2			124		1
68	J. B. Love.....	G. A. Love.....				1			29		1
69	W. B. Calder....	P. Falconbridge..	6					1	89	5	
70	Henry J. Bird, Jr.	Isaac Huber....	2	1	1	2	3	1	73		2
71	E. A. Patton....	W. F. Jamieson..	5	1		1	6		92		1
72	Geo. A. Rose....	H. H. Alger, M.D.	4			2	5		57		3
73	J. G. Little....	A. Long.....				2	1		48		3
74	R. M. Trueman...	J. H. Argue....	3	3		2		1	74	3	
75	Arthur Winn....	Wm. Pantou....	7		1	3		2	51	3	
76	F. W. Swannell..	Richd. Sloggett..	8	1	1	1	9	3	158		3
77	John Brennan...	Geo. K. Clemens..	34			3	3		343	28	
78	G. A. Fraser....	Wm. Dawson....				6			76		6
79	Joshua Walford..	F. H. Anderson...	9		1	5	7	2	119		4
80	H. T. Copus....	A. E. Edgar.....	15	1		4		1	174	11	
81	J. H. Dalton....	J. E. Richards...	4			1			89	3	
82	Joseph Wood....	A. M. Frank.....	13					2	118	11	
83	J. A. V. Preston.	D. McPherson....	4					2	77	2	
84	Geo. Carr.....	H. E. Tamlyn, M.D.	3		1	1	5		58		2
86	F. A. Clark.....	J. D. Hamill....	1			1			63		
88	Rev. N. Lindsay	John Watson....				2	3		69		5
90	N. Schnarr.....	A. S. Macdonald..	10	1		2		1	98	8	
91	Thos. Lawless...	W. J. Thomson...	9	1	3	4	7	2	111		
94	C. L. Davidson...	Geo. S. Patrick...	6	2		4		1	117	3	
95	Jos. Fowler.....	Lorne Fowler....	4			1		2	77	1	
98	Jno. H. Roaf....	F. M. C'wp'rthwaite	17	6		3	3	2	283	15	

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No.	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.
99	Keystone.....	Portage la Prairie ...	First Friday
100	St. Lawrence.....	Brockville.....	First Thursday
101	Corinthian.....	Boissevain.....	Second Wednesday....
102	Algonquin.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Fourth Friday.....
103	St. John's.....	North Bay.....	First Friday.....
104	White Oak.....	Oakville.....	Second Tuesday af. f. m
106	Alberta.....	Calgary.....	First Tuesday.....
110	Warkworth.....	Warkworth.....	Wednesday af. f. m....
112	St. John's.....	Morrisburg.....	Friday on or af. f. m....
113	Covenant.....	Cornwall.....	Third Wednesday.....
114	Bonnechere.....	Renfrew.....	Third Monday.....
115	Brant.....	Paris.....	Monday on or b. f. m....
116	Maple.....	Carleton Place.....	First Monday
117	Berlin.....	Berlin.....	Third Friday.....
118	North Star.....	Edmonton.....	Second Tuesday.....
119	King Cyrus.....	Leamington.....	First Tuesday af. f. m..
120	Kootenay.....	Kaslo.....	Second Tuesday.....
121	Wascana.....	Regina.....	Second Monday.....
122	Rossland.....	Rossland.....	First Tuesday.....
123	Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Third Wednesday.....
124	Westminster.....	New Westminster....	Fourth Thursday.....
125	Rocky Mountain.....	Cranbrook.....	Second Tuesday.....
126	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat.....	Third Thursday
127	Keystone.....	Nanaimo.....	Third Wednesday.....
128	Revelstoke.....	Revelstoke.....	First Monday
129	Elliot.....	Mitchell.....	Second Tuesday af. f. m
130	Chantry.....	Southampton.....	Tuesday b. f. m.....
131	Amabel.....	Wiarton.....	First Thursday.....
132	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	First Wednesday.....
133	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	Second Friday af. f. m..
134	King Darius.....	Cannington.....	First Wednesday af. f.m
135	Succoth.....	Uxbridge.....	Monday af. f. m.....
136	King Edward.....	Neepawa.....	Second Wed. af. f. m..
*137	Crow's Nest.....	Fernie.....	Third Friday.....
138	Shekinah.....	West Toronto.....	Second Tuesday.....
139	St. Andrew's.....	Havelock.....	Friday af. f. m.....
140	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	First Friday.....
141	Keystone.....	Brandon.....	First Monday.....
142	Cyrus.....	Cumberland.....	First Wednesday.....
143	Glengarry.....	Maxville.....	Third Friday.....
144	Presqu' Isle.....	Brighton.....	Second Friday.....
145	The St. Patrick..	Toronto.....	Third Saturday.....
146	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	Friday af. f. m.....
*147	Lucknow.....	Lucknow.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
148	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	First Friday.....
149	Atwood.....	Rainy River.....	Third Thursday.....
150	London.....	London.....	Fourth Friday.....
*151	Laurentian.....	Pembroke.....	Third Thursday.....
*152	Alberton.....	Fort Frances.....	Third Thursday.....
*153	Sombra.....	Sombra.....	Second Wednesday.....
154	Klondike.....	Dawson.....	Fourth Thursday.....
155	Ancaster.....	Ancaster.....	Wednesday on or af. f.m.
156	Avondale.....	Hartney.....	Friday on or af. f. m....
157	Okanagan.....	Vernon.....	Thursday af. f.m.....
158	Shekinah.....	Lethbridge.....	Fourth Tuesday.....
159	Golden West.....	High River.....	Monday on or b. f. m....
160	Prince Albert.....	Prince Albert.....	First Tuesday.....
161	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
162	Moosejaw.....	Moosejaw.....	Third Thursday.....
163	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	First Monday.....
164	Lorne.....	West Lorne.....	Friday on or b. f. m....
165	Saskatoon.....	Saskatoon.....	Third Friday.....
166	Moose Mountain.....	Arcola.....	Thursday af. f.m.....
167	Kichikiwana.....	Midland.....	Friday on or af. f.m....
168	Ionic.....	Campbellford.....	Second Thursday.....
169	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	First Wednesday.....
170	Golden Compass.....	Sintaluta.....	Second Tues. af. f.m....
171	Rabboni.....	Dauphin.....	Second Tuesday.....
172	Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskiwin.....	First Thursday.....
173	Weyburn.....	Weyburn.....	Second Wednesday....
U.D.	Boundary.....	Grand Forks.....	Third Thursday.....
175	The Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	Second Monday.....
U.D.	Kether.....	Pincher Creek.....	Thursdav b. f. m.....
U.D.	Bekeh.....	Macleod.....	First Monday.....

*No Returns.

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99	C. W. Stewart...	H. J. J. Smith ...	10	2		1	1		78	10	
100	G. W. Morrison...	E. A. Geiger.....	1			1			83		
101	R. G. Willis	P. J. Osborn.....	6			1			63	5	
102	A. H. Richardson.	R. G. Campbell ..	8	1		3		2	202	4	
103	H. B. McVittie...	A. H. McMullen...	21	1		1			116	21	
104	W. H. Speers	W. O. Joyce.....	3			1	2	1	53		1
106	A. P. H. Cutten...	J. N. Rankin	12	1					158	13	
110	J. Humphries...	P. S. Ewing.....	2			1		1	64		
112	G. M. Gorrell....	R. H. Montgomery	1	1		1		1	64		
113	C. J. Hamilton...	John Ridley	3			3	4		84		4
114	Henry Coolican...	Wm. Hay.....	3		1	4		1	60		1
115	R. C. Macpherson	E. B. Walker.....	2			1	2	1	51		2
116	W. J. Muirhead...	A. H. Edwards....	1						69	1	
117	Jno. J. Walters...	F. H. Spence.....				1			72		1
118	R. B. Ferguson...	J. J. Dunlop	14	6		1	3	1	92	15	
119	G. E. Robinson...	R. A. Howey.....				4	3	1	70		8
120	Jas. Anderson...	John Simpson	2			1			37	1	
121	D. G. Ramage....	J. M. Shaw, M.D..	42	1	2	6	7		177	32	
122	Alex. Dunlop....	J. W. Junkin	3		1	3			78	1	
123	David G. Kurtz...	Geo. Johnstone ..	5	1		1		1	61	4	
124	Nels Nelson	A. J. Brine.....	21	1				1	91	21	
125	M. A. Beale.....	B. H. Short	10			3	3		79	4	
126	W. H. Doty.....	H. W. Ireland....	24			1		1	87	22	
127	James Crossan...	Jno. F. Doyle....	13	1				1	55	13	
128	C. R. MacDonald.	Rev. C. A. Procnier	13		1	1			66	13	
129	John White	Wm. Babb.....	1			4			36		3
130	E. J. Mitchell...	P. J. Scott, M.D...	7	1				1	68	7	
131	D. Huether	S. W. Barnes	4			2			52	2	
132	J. E. Mills	W. S. Bowden....	1			1			108		
133	J. M. Coombs...	Geo. W. Fluker...	4						64	4	
134	N. V. Pipher	Wm. Bick.....	1			1			52		
135	Ben'j'n Madill...	V. M. Hare.....	11	2		2	5		86	6	
136	J. L. McKay.....	J. W. Bradley....	22	1		7	2		148	14	
*137	J. H. Marshall...	J. S. Volume.....	2			2			44		
138	J. T. Jackson....	W. J. Wadsw'th, Jr.	6			3			89	3	
139	G. A. MacLennan.	A. Primrose	2						38	2	
140	J. T. Hollinshead.	E. H. North.....	8	3		1			102	10	
141	Jas. B. Noble....	Geo. S. Donn.....	3			2		2	71		1
142	Richard Hodson...	C. Parnham.....	6						57	6	
143	J. H. Munro....	G. H. McDougall.	2					1	52	1	
144	O. L. Morrow...	F. A. M. Roblin...				1			45		1
145	W. S. Milne.....	Harry Leeson....	25	3		18	19	3	388	12	
146	J. H. Blackmore.	G. M. Yates.....				1	2		47		3
*147	Duncan M. Gordon	D. N. Lawrence...							46		
148	J. W. Robertson.	Jno. Wilson.....	1			7		1	37		7
149	Geo. B. Cameron.	R. Gillespie.....	8	1					58	9	
150	F. E. Harley.....	C. C. Reed.....	7	1		2		2	91	4	
*151	J. H. Leach.....	J. P. Miller, jr...	2		1			1	38	2	
*152	C. J. Hollands...	R. J. Russell.....							22		
*153	Hiram P. Stover.	Orville A. Smith.							47		
154	Alex. J. Gillis...	G. A. Jeckell....	8			5		1	105	2	
155	Chas. H. Stuart...	G. B. Smith.....	8						26	8	
156	A. G. Coulter....	C. D. Batty.....	27			2			64	25	
157	Leonard Morris...	C. W. Corrigan...	2						52	2	
158	And'w C. Messer.	R. A. Fairbrother	14	3		1		2	54	14	
159	H. H. Gould.....	P. G. Thomas....	13	2					69	15	
160	J. G. M. Christie.	Alfred J. Romeril.	25	1					67	26	
161	W. J. Moore.....	Will J. Hill.....	2	1				1	65	2	
162	James McCauley...	G. W. Spence....	26	1					81	27	
163	D. D. Grierson...	T. Harland Fudge	7	2					35	9	
164	Jas. A. Fuller...	Wm. Milner.....	4	1					40	5	
165	Wm. Hopkins....	C. A. Needham...	65	9				1	83	73	
166	Jno. R. Anderson.	R. J. Marriott...	29	5					48	34	
167	R. Raikes.....	J. S. McDowell...	10	1					37	11	
168	Wm. Smith.....	T. A. Brown.....	10	23		1			32	32	
169	F. W. Haynes...	T. E. Armstrong.	31	14					45	45	
170	Rich'd D. Morton	T. H. Reeve.....	21	10					31	31	
171	J. W. Johnston...	A. C. Crosby.....	18	16					34	34	
172	A. R. Dickson...	E. D. H. Wilkins.	17	14					31	31	
173	W. H. McCallum.		16	13					29	29	
UD	G. D. Clark.....	D. M. Stirton....		11					11	11	
175	W. H. Ballard...	A. T. Neill.....		32					32	32	
UD	Arth. C. Kemmis.			10					10	10	
UD	Robt. N. Wilson.	T. C. Bruce.....		10					10	10	
			1,267	259	30	226	142	114	14,106	1,169	95

*No Returns.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters 149.

Number of Members, December 31st, 1908.....		13, 032
" Registrations " 1909.....	1,267	
" Joinings " ".....	259	
" Restorations " ".....	30	
	<hr/>	1,536
" Withdrawals.....	226	
" Suspensions.....	142	
" Deaths.....	114	
	<hr/>	482
Net Gain.		1,074
Total Membership, December 31st, 1909.....		14,106

SUSPENSION, U.M.C.

No. 99. E. S. Turner.

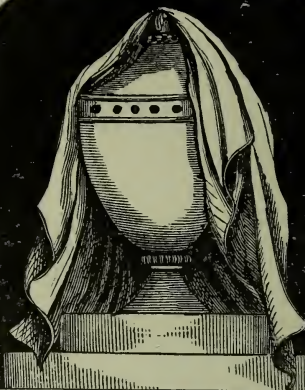
SUSPENSIONS, N.P.D.

- No. 1. P. H. Murphy, P. B. Crews.
 No. 4. C. H. Dies, J. K. Bell, J. L. Wallace, M. Howie.
 No. 5. Robt. Ivers, Fred. H. Darch, W. S. Westland.
 No. 7. H. R. Beattie, F. A. Bowen, R. W. Nugent, J. E. Palmer,
 J. H. Thompson.
 No. 8. G. A. Sherrin, L. A. Archambault, F. M. Bell-Smith.
 No. 16. S. B. Baker, W. T. Franklin, Leopold Marcelais.
 No. 20. Jas. Malcolm.
 No. 23. J. E. Hodgson.
 No. 26. Jas. Skelton, G. J. Waddell, F. J. Farley, Chas. Adams.
 No. 31. W. H. Wright, Wm. Savage, J. S. Williams, R. C.
 Burlingham, A. G. McDonald.
 No. 50. Peter Todd.
 No. 61. F. A. P. Cline.
 No. 62. A. E. Britnell, J. C. Lines, S. T. Wicks, W. H. Smith.
 No. 70. Geo. Monteith, F. S. Cochrane, A. G. Burke.
 No. 71. Arth. Raines, Theo. Young, Chas. Ferris, J. G. Huston,
 R. R. Brett, H. Pickering.
 No. 72. J. F. Kennedy, S. S. Ashley, W. G. Seldon, H. J. Ross,
 B. O. Lott.
 No. 73. D. J. Whitsell.
 No. 76. Jas. Barr, L. Bailey, G. Z. Foulkes, J. L. Harris, Wm.
 Hogg, W. J. Hamilton, J. R. Menke, Geo. Murray,
 J. A. Newport.
 No. 77. W. L. Outhwaite, F. J. Maxwell, E. E. Hustwitt.
 No. 79. Frank Abbott, W. Geatch, A. McGregor, R. McKay,
 J. McP. Ross, H. Wilber, S. Wilson.
 No. 84. G. Town, S. Curran, E. H. McAlpine, Wm. Nicholson,
 D. L. Dinsley.

- No. 88. S. H. McWha, C. S. Judson, A. Lacouree.
 No. 91. John G. Gray, R. E. Gregory, Ab. Reilly, J. W. Lee,
 Jas. Rae, L. McKenzie, A. W. Johnson.
 No. 98. M. G. Pepper, W. C. K. Smith, R. H. K. Smith.
 No. 100. S. R. Stayner.
 No. 104. H. T. Bodkin, G. J. Sunner.
 No. 113. A. W. Anet, E. E. Elridge, J. A. Welsh, J. C. Rooney.
 No. 115. J. T. Martin, F. Anderson.
 No. 118. A. A. Morrow, W. E. Ross, Alex. Forin.
 No. 119. Walter Archibald, A. S. Cox, J. J. Haylock.
 No. 121. H. T. Ayre, A. D. Wright, Geo. Dowswell, H. W. Laird,
 Chas. Tennant, A. E. St. Laurent, W. D. de Rossiter.
 No. 125. Matt. Rockendorff, Henry E. Wright, Thos. Rookes.
 No. 135. A. F. Carnegie, W. J. Underwood, J. A. Thompson,
 C. A. Hiscox, W. H. Tummonds.
 No. 136. J. M. Fife, W. R. Fulkerson.
 No. 145. Hy. Barker, H. J. Cheeseworth, H. Curtis, T. E. Cuffe,
 H. W. Connor, S. B. Dawson, G. J. McLean, C. E.
 Reiner, Jos. Twigg, W. J. Micks, J. W. Everitt, E. M.
 Fleming, W. J. Kivell, J. A. Leake, K. Metcalf, T. H.
 McDermid, J. Reesor, A. Taylor, F. E. Karn.
 No. 146. G. W. Slaughter, J. W. Gray.

RESTORATIONS.

- No. 2. Joseph Richardson, F. W. Taylor.
 No. 4. Geo. A. Elliott.
 No. 5. R. D. A. Hillier.
 No. 6. G. R. Flock, F. A. Gardner.
 No. 7. G. Greatrix, J. S. Sprague.
 No. 20. Richard Storey.
 No. 22. Henry W. Bennett.
 No. 34. R. A. Stephens.
 No. 46. Wm. Reid.
 No. 52. F. G. Lewin, J. G. Harvey.
 No. 59. C. R. McWilliams.
 No. 70. Geo. Macready.
 No. 75. B. Bridgman.
 No. 79. Henry Wilber.
 No. 84. J. H. Barnard.
 No. 91. J. T. Thompson, A. W. Johnson, J. W. Lee.
 No. 114. Douglas Hamilton.
 No. 121. Jas. A. Kerr, T. C. Johnston.
 No. 122. L. Coombs.
 No. 128. C. R. Skena.



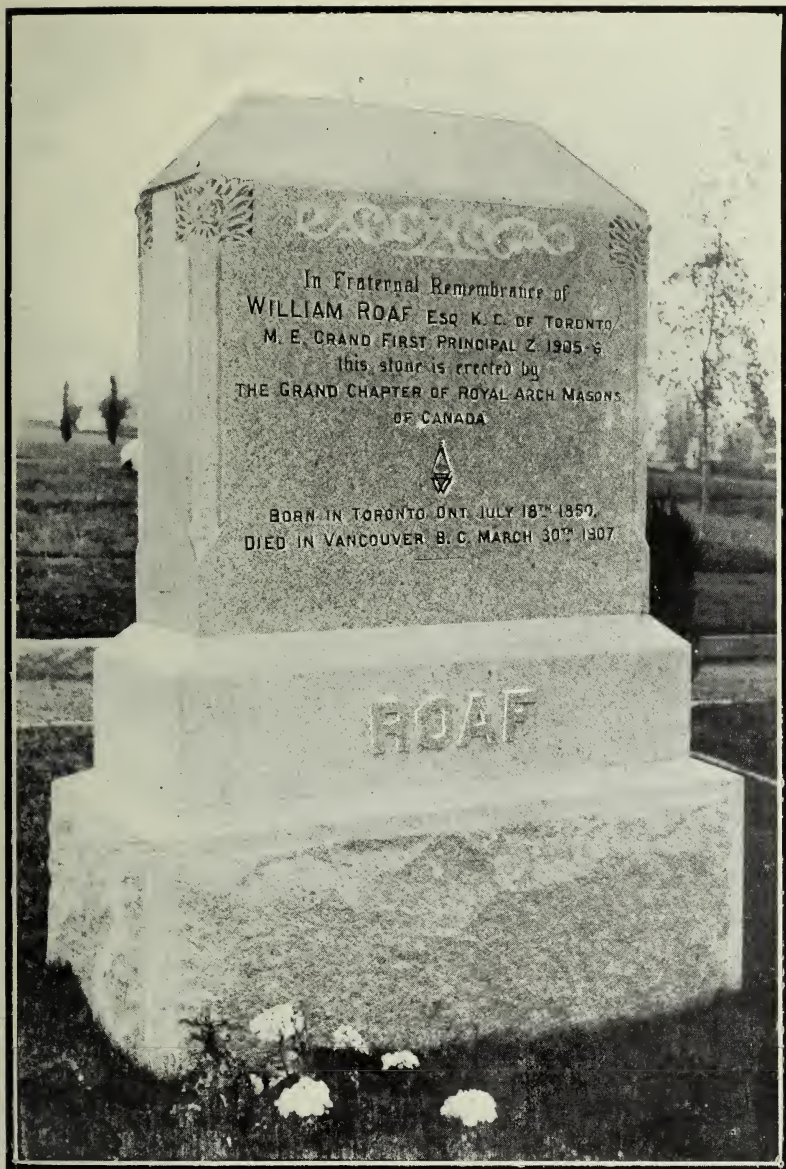
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R. E. COMPANION

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PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

HAMILTON DISTRICT

DIED 6th SEPTEMBER, 1909

HAMILTON, ONT.

R. E. COMPANION

Edmund Lindsay Dickinson

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

HURON DISTRICT—1905-6

DIED 15th MARCH, 1909

GODERICH, ONT.

R. E. COMPANION

Christopher McLellan

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

HURON DISTRICT

DIED 16th MARCH, 1909

STRATFORD, ONT.

R. E. COMPANION

William R. House

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

ONTARIO DISTRICT—1888

DIED 10th MAY, 1909

TORONTO, ONT.

R. E. COMPANION

Henry A. Hackett

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT—1908

DIED 8th FEBRUARY, 1910

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.

R. E. COMPANION

Stephen M. Conger

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—1878

DIED 10th FEBRUARY, 1909

PICTON, ONT.

Deaths

- No. 2. Hyman Fisher, Feb. 18; Thos. M. Davis, Sept. 6; E. Fisher, Oct. 6.
- No. 3. Jno. Cooper, Feb. 7; S. N. Black, Feb. 14; E. J. MacRobert, Sept. 28.
- No. 4. David Blain, March 1.
- No. 5. M. D. Dawson, Dec. 29; Aaron Child, July 22; A. W. Ryan, Sept. 30.
- No. 6. Jas. Robertson, Dec. 14, '08; E. W. Bateman, Feb. 18; P. E. Jones, June 29.
- No. 7. A. A. Roberts, Sept. 6; Jas. Macoun, Nov. 1; C. C. Leavens, Dec. 6.
- No. 8. J. M. Might, Jan. 5.
- No. 15. David Barr, Dec. 6.
- No. 16. Arthur Lyon, Oct. 27.
- No. 19. B. J. Leubsdorf, Nov. 28.
- No. 20. W. F. Templar, Jan. 8; Wm. Watt, June 8.
- No. 24. Kenneth McLeod, Jan. —; Christopher McLellan, March 16.
- No. 26. Wm. Duff, Oct. 18.
- No. 27. Daniel Wilson, Dec. 2.
- No. 30. W. A. McKim, Jan. 8; E. L. Dickinson, Mar. 15; Nixon Sturdy, Aug. 13; Jonathan Miller, Nov. 8.
- No. 31. Alf. Hicks, Jan. 2; S. M. Conger, Feb. 10; W. R. Wright, Feb. 10; Paul Clarke, Mar. 28; Frank E. Boulter, Apr. 5; R. C. Clapp, June 13; C. M. Cole, Sept. 23.
- No. 34. G. T. McMillan, G. F. Lovering, W. A. Trimble.
- No. 35. W. R. Howse, May 10; James McBrine, —.
- No. 36. Robt. H. Green, Jan. 16.

Deaths

- No. 37. Robert Henning, Feb. 5; John Gamble, Aug. 19.
No. 44. R. L. Henry, Jan. 14; A. H. McGaughey, May 11.
No. 45. S. S. Brintnell, March 13.
No. 47. Milton Bates, Oct. 5; Thos. Irving, May 3.
No. 52. J. B. Campbell, Feb. 1, '09.
No. 53. Francis Nicoll, Feb. 12.
No. 54. J. B. Hill, Feb. —; Robt. Til, Mar. 6; E. H. Millington, June 22; R. L. Johnson, Sept. 25; J. W. Courtney, Oct. 17.
No. 58. T. J. Dreany, Dec. 28, '08.
No. 59. M. Z. Dickson, —.
No. 63. John Smith, June 22.
No. 65. B. Morton Jones, Apr. 5; C. D. Scott, —; H. J. Lipscombe, Dec. 31.
No. 69. W. W. Kitchen, Dec. 8.
No. 70. J. Leishman, Dec. 22.
No. 71. Henry A. Hackett, Feb. 8.
No. 74. And. Hare, Nov. 13.
No. 75. R. Brierly, —; Wm. Scott, Dec. —.
No. 76. Jas. Brundage, Apr. 4; P. H. Spry, Mar. 25; John Gray, Aug. 16.
No. 79. W. J. Davidson, June 22; Wm. McBean, July 2.
No. 80. Jas. Hollway, Apr. 2.
No. 82. J. M. Byers, Apr. 10; Geo. Mooring, Nov. 4.
No. 83. T. E. Carbery, Mar. 28; Jas. Fawcett, May 14.
No. 90. J. A. Martin, Jan. 14.
No. 91. J. T. Lester, Feb. 23; Chas. Campbell, Apr. 24.
No. 94. D. R. Anderson, Mar. 30.

Deaths

- No. 95. W. A. M. Bellwood, Sept. 23; Jas. Golding, Oct. 20.
- No. 98. Jas. Forster, Jan. 15; W. H. Smith, May 2.
- No. 102. E. P. Miller, July 18; W. R. Stephen, Feb. 23.
- No. 104. Thos. Andrew, Mar. 20.
- No. 110. W. C. Owens, Dec. 31.
- No. 112. S. S. Reveller, —.
- No. 114. John C. Wright, Feb. 27.
- No. 115. A. H. Baird, July 17.
- No. 118. S. C. Patton, Nov. 17.
- No. 119. Jas. Robson, Jan. 6.
- No. 123. Hugh Stevens, Oct. 21.
- No. 124. W. E. Vanstone, Dec. 25.
- No. 126. T. E. Carbery, Mar. 28.
- No. 127. Robt. Evans, Apr. 16.
- No. 130. Duncan Ferguson, July 23.
- No. 141. Fred. J. Reynolds, Mar. 10; Robt. Smyth, Mar. 25.
- No. 143. Wallace Nixon, May 12.
- No. 145. F. R. Fox, Dec. 22; A. M. O'Brien, July 14; F. J. Scheak, Feb. 18.
- No. 148. John Northcott, Feb. 23.
- No. 150. G. W. Francis, Sept. 17; L. L. Walper, June 20.
- No. 154. G. McD. Bryant, Dec. —.
- No. 158. B. Morton Jones, Apr. 5; Wm. Henderson, Dec. 12.
- No. 161. R. G. H. Evans, June 8.
- No. 165. Robt. Smythe, Mar. 25.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. E. Comp. Fred. W. Harcourt, Toronto, G. H. President.

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M.E. Comp.	Donald Ross	Toronto
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"	Wm. Gibson	Beamsville
"	Abraham Shaw	Kingston
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"	Henry Robertson	Collingwood
"	Harry H. Watson	Vancouver
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R. E. Comp.	M. B. Squire, Windsor	St. Clair	Dist. No. 1
"	S. E. Cornell, Sarnia	London	" 2
"	Jno. W. Dutton, Woodstock	Wilson	" 3
"	David Collins, Galt	Wellington	" 4
"	Fred. Miller, Hamilton	Hamilton	" 5
"	J. G. Constable, St. Mary's	Huron	" 6
"	W. F. Randall, Grimsby	Niagara	" 7
"	E. M. Carleton, Toronto	Toronto	" 8
"	W. H. Wright, Owen Sound	Georgian	" 9
"	W. H. Walkey, Peterboro	Ontario	" 10
"	B. H. Siddell, Trenton	Prince Edward	" 11
"	Will C. Davy, Morrisburg	St. Lawrence	" 12
"	John W. Fenton, Ottawa	Ottawa	" 13
"	F. A. Campbell, Kenora	Algoma	" 14
"	Wm. Young, Neepawa	Manitoba	" 15
"	Wm. Burns, Vancouver	Br. Columbia	" 16
"	James Rae, Medicine Hat	Alberta	" 17
"	J. F. Armstrong, Cranbrook	Kootenay	" 18
"	Geo. Will, Prince Albert	Saskatchewan	" 19
"	T. E. Simpson, S. S. Marie	New Ontario	" 20

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"	A. T. Freed Hamilton	Grand Scribe N.

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R. E. Comp.	Aubrey White	Toronto
"	W. S. R. Murch	Kingston
"	W. T. Toner	Collingwood
"	H. T. Smith	Toronto
"	Wm. Forbes	Grimsby

APPOINTED BY GRAND Z.

R. E. Comp.	D. H. McIntosh, M.D.....	Carleton Place
"	" Oliver Ellwood	London
"	" R. H. Spencer.....	Trenton
"	" W. N. Ponton.....	Belleville
"	" C. W. Haentschel, M.D.....	Haileybury

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M. E. Comps. J. E. Harding, Chairman, J. Ross Robertson, R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon.

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CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

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LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. M. B. Squire, Windsor.

No.	No.
47, Wellington.....Chatham	88, MacNabb.....Dresden
71, Pr. of Wales...Amherstburg	119, King Cyrus. . Leamington
73, Erie.....Ridgetown	164, Lorne.....West Lorne
80, Ark.....Windsor	

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, Sarnia.

No.	No.
3, St. John's.....London	74, Beaver.....Strathroy
5, St. George's.....London	78, Minnewawa .....Parkhill
15, Wawanosh.....Sarnia	81, Aylmer.....Aylmer
53, Bruce.....Petrolia	150, London.....London
54, Palestine.....St. Thomas	153, Sombra .....Sombra

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. W. Dutton, Woodstock.

No.	No.
18, Oxford.....Woodstock	41, Harris.....Ingersoll
20, Mount Horeb ....Brantford	115, Brant.....Paris
23, Ezra.....Simcoe	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. David Collins, Galt.

No.	No.
32, Waterloo.....Galt	83, Ionic.....Orangeville
40, Guelph.....Guelph	117, Berlin.....Berlin
67, Enterprise.....Harriston	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Fred. Miller, Hamilton.

No.	No.
2, The Hiram.....Hamilton	104, White Oak.....Oakville
6, St. John's.....Hamilton	155, Ancaster .....Ancaster
75, St. Clair.....Milton	175, The Hamilton...Hamilton

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. G. Constable, St. Mary's

No.		No.	
24,	Tecumseh.....Stratford	84,	Lebanon....Wingham
30,	Huron.....Goderich	129,	Elliot.....Mitchell
46,	St. James .....St. Mary's	130,	Chantry....Southampton
50,	Saugeen.....Walkerton	146,	Bernard.....Listowel
63,	Havelock.....Kincardine	147,	Lucknow.....Lucknow
66,	The Malloch.....Seaforth		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. F. Randall, Grimsby

No.		No.	
19,	Mt. Moriah... St. Catharines	64,	Willson.....Welland
29,	McCallum.....Dunnville	69,	Grimsby.....Grimsby
55,	Niagara.....Niagara	76,	Mt. Nebo.Niagara Falls,Can
57,	King Hiram... Pt. Colborne		

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. E. M. Carleton, Toronto

No.		No.	
4,	St. Andrew's and St. John's.....Toronto	79,	Orient.....Toronto
8,	King Solomon's...Toronto	91,	Antiquity.....Toronto
60,	Doric.....Newmarket	135,	Succoth.....Uxbridge
62,	York.....Eglinton	138,	Shekinah.. West Toronto
65,	St. Paul's.....Toronto	145,	The St. Patrick...Toronto
77,	Occident.....Toronto	163,	The Beaches ....Toronto

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W.H. Wright, Owen Sound.

No.		No.	
27,	Manitou.....Collingwood	86,	Macpherson ....Meaford
34,	Signet.....Barrie	131,	Amabel.....Wiarton
56,	Georgian.....Owen Sound	167,	Kichikiwana.....Midland
70,	Grand River. ..Bracebridge		

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. H. Walkey, Peterboro.

No.		No.	
28,	Pentalpha.....Oshawa	94,	Midland.....Lindsay
35,	Keystone.....Whitby	110,	Warkworth...Warkworth
36,	Corinthian.....Peterboro'	134,	King Darius ..Cannington
37,	Victoria.....Port Hope	139,	St. Andrew's ....Havelock
45,	Excelsior.....Colborne	144,	Presqu'Isle .....Brighton
48,	St. John's.....Cobourg	168,	Ionic.....Campbellford

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. B. H. Siddell, Trenton.

No.		No.	
7,	The Moira.....Belleville	44,	Mount Sinai.....Napanee
26,	St. Mark's.....Trenton	72,	Keystone.....Stirling
31,	Prince Edward.....Picton	161,	Madoc.....Madoc

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Will. C. Davy, Morrisburg.

No.		No.	
1,	Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui.....Kingston	100,	St. Lawrence, ... Brockville
22,	Grenville.....Prescott	112,	St. John's.....Morrisburg
59,	Sussex.....Brockville	113,	Covenant.....Cornwall
68,	Maitland.....N. Augusta	132,	Leeds.....Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Jno. W. Fenton, Ottawa

No.		No.	
16,	Carleton.....Ottawa	133,	St. Francis... Smith's Falls
61,	Granite.....Almonte	143,	Glengarry.....Maxville
114,	Bonnechere.....Renfrew	148,	St. John's... Vankleek Hill
116,	Maple.....Carleton Pl.	151,	Laurentian Pembroke

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. F. A. Campbell, Kenora.

No.		No.	
82,	Shuniah.....Port Arthur	149,	Atwood.....Rainy River
90,	Golden.....Kenora	152,	Alberton.....Ft. Frances
140,	Ft. William... Ft. William		

MANITOBA DISTRICT, NO. 15.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. William Young, Neepawa.

No.		No.	
52,	Pr. Rupert.....Winnipeg	141,	Keystone.....Brandon
99,	Keystone .Po'ge la Prairie	156,	Avondale.....Hartney
101,	Corinthian.....Boissevain	171,	Rabboni.....Dauphin
136,	King Edward, ... Neepawa		

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. William Burns, Vancouver.

No.		No.	
98,	Vancouver... Vancouver	127,	Keystone. Nanaimo
124,	Westm'ster, N. Westm'ter	142,	Cyrus.....Cumberland

ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. James Rae, Medicine Hat.

No.		No.	
106, Alberta.....	Calgary	159, Golden West, High River	
118, North Star ...	Edmonton	172, Mount Horeb .	Wetaskiwin
126, Assiniboia..	Medicine Hat	U.D. Kether.....	Pincher Creek
158, Shekinah	Lethbridge	U.D. Bekah.....	Macleod

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. F. Armstrong, Cranbrook

No.		No.	
120, Kootenay.....	Kaslo	128, Revelstoke....	Revelstoke
122, Rossland.....	Rossland	137, Crow's Nest.....	Fernie
123, Nelson	Nelson	157, Okanagan	Vernon
125, Rocky Mount'n,	Cranbrook	U.D. Boundary...	Grand Forks

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT, NO. 19

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Geo. Will, Prince Albert.

No.		No.	
121 Wascana.....	Regina	166, Moose Mountain...	Arcola
160 Prince Albert ..	Pr. Albert	170, Golden Compass.	Sintaluta
162 Moosejaw.....	Moosejaw	173, Weyburn.....	Weyburn
165, Saskatoon.....	Saskatoon		

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 20

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. T. E. Simpson, Sault Ste. Marie

No.		No.	
58 Pembroke	Mattawa	103 St. John's	North Bay
95 Tuscan.....	Sudbury	169 Temiskaming.	New Liskeard
102 Algonquin..	Sault Ste. Marie		

UNATTACHED.

Acting-Grand Superintendent—V. E. Comp. James Craig, Dawson

No.	
154, Klondike.....	Dawson, Y. T.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

AT GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

GRAND CHAPTERS.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama.....	William Rea.....	Ottawa
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APPENDIX

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

*To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of
the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

A year ago we touched a chord that seems to have found an echo in many quarters. We were not alone in concluding that the non-reading fraternity loomed up largely in the vision of the reporter. Our colleagues of other jurisdictions make similar complaint. A tour of the far West last year and a more intimate acquaintance with the Companions of those remote Chapters disclosed, however, a condition of affairs that served to considerably modify our original views. Those views, based upon observation made nearer home, were largely responsible for the shadow of injustice done to those distant Companions whose knowledge of current Craft matters was a revelation, and whose eagerness to acquire further knowledge, a delightful surprise. On their behalf "we humbly beg to be excused," and admit frailty in arriving too rapidly at a conclusion.

"For oh, mankind is unco weak
And little to be trusted;
If self the wavering balance shake
It's rarely right adjusted."

What the Capitular world furnishes in the way of interesting matter will be found in the following pages, though a glance through the volumes suggests a dearth of material inviting controversy.

Alabama

Chapters . . 58.

Members . . 2948.

Grand Chapters may fail occasionally in forwarding their Proceedings promptly, and thus are missed in the reviewing, but Alabama is always to the fore, and thus is in the van annually. It is as welcome as it is regular, and in this year of grace, particularly as Canada's faithful representative, Companion Lew Lazarus, having steadily climbed "the seats of the mighty," finds himself enthroned as Grand High Priest, and we are correspondingly pleased. Glad, too, are we to gaze upon his portrait and to peruse a biography that indicates a well-spent and active life as a citizen and a Mason.

Over the Eighty-second Annual Convocation, held in Montgomery on the 30th November, 1908, he presided with a dignity for which his qualifications eminently fitted him. Though a born Kentuckian, he is loyal to his adopted State and proud of its resources and condition.

"While other commonwealths have suffered, we in Alabama have not gone backward. Our soil has produced 'bumper' crops this year. Our cotton and corn yields have been abundant. Coal and iron in thousands of tons have been given up by Mother Earth, and there are few of us indeed who are poorer in worldly goods or in health than we were one year ago. For this we are truly thankful."

And he reported five new Chapters and two resurrected. Of those who passed into the dark valley, two Past Grand High Priests receive touching mention. Josiah Jernigan, a war veteran, who presided over the Royal Craft in 1896-7, and John Gideon Harris, who also served with distinction and subsequently devoted himself to the legal profession. He was a keen student of Masonry and lectured thereon frequently.

The Grand High Priest made very few visits, issued freely a number of dispensations, and was asked for decisions in less than half a dozen cases. One of the latter was to the query, "Shall a Companion who has been dimitted from his lodge for a longer period than

twelve months be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Chapter?"

He quoted the law: "He stands suspended and shall be so declared by the High Priest after the first regular meeting after legal information has been obtained."

In other words the dimitted Mason is not a Mason. Good standing, according to the gospel of Alabama, means dollars paid into a Lodge. No matter what his *locus standi* and character for rectitude, a brother ceases to be a brother when he is not contributing to the coffers of a local organization in which is some member perhaps who for petty cause is persistently barring his entrance. Such is modern interpretation of fraternity as applied to Ancient Freemasonry.

A Chapter desired to change its name from "Thomas M. Bragg" to "Ben Bricken," and was accommodated. No reason is given, but one wonders why Bricken should be preferred to Bragg, except, perhaps, that "the cup was found in Benjamin's sack."

The veteran Companion W. Y. Titcomb again furnishes the report on Correspondence, with little evidence of waning vigor, though he appeals for charitable forbearance owing to a long spell of serious illness. He has our unstinted sympathy and prayers for continued health to pursue his unselfish and valuable labours.

Reviewing Canada's jubilee volume he asks, "Where was our minister?" We beg to assure him that nothing but stern necessity or illness would have detained that worthy envoy, and to that effect he wrote. Given his usual fair health, R. E. Companion Rea will in future be found under Alabama's standard.

Referring to the historical address delivered on the occasion, Companion Titcomb remarks:

"We note with satisfaction that, on pages 163 and 167, M. E. Comp. Robertson writes it 'Knights Templars' not Knights Templar. We have, for years, thought this designation the correct form—one Knight Templar; two or more Knights Templars. For years we have seen in print the name spelled Knights

Templar. This is our first sight, in all that time, of the printed name ending with an s. We fancy we hear some hypercritical Companion exclaim: 'That is a very small matter to be writing about.' Reflect, esteemed Comp., that multitudinous 'small' things make up the great things in life."

English grammar, like many English features in Freemasonry, notably the first syllable in the latter word, is subject to fearful and wonderful changes and interpretations when transplanted.

He courteously and clearly explains the eligibility for high office in Grand Chapter, which we took to mean in another sense, owing to too much of context in reproducing an accepted amendment to the law. The "toy monkey" is securely fast in his box again, awaiting the next "button touched."

In advocating the opening and closing of the Chapter, when the work of subordinate degrees only is to be done, he remarks and we concur:

"The work of those dependent (or intermediate) degrees derives its authority from the Chapter which dispenses with its labor, for the purpose of opening one of the dependent Lodges. It seems to us that there must be a Chapter in session in order to put said Lodge (so to speak) 'on its feet,' by dispensing with labor therefor."

Our good Companion, now well beyond his four-score years, closes an interesting paper with the assurance that he will do better next time "if the Great I Am vouchsafes health and strength." That it may be so his host of admirers fervently pray.

Robert W. Southerland, Mobile, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Arizona

Chapters . . 8.

Members . . 591.

There were some important gaps through absence in the official list when Grand High Priest Francis Marion Zuck opened the Nineteenth Annual Convocation in the City of Prescott on the 18th November, 1908.

Substitutes had to be provided for the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and others, and the words of the G. H. P., "Your presence in this place signifies your interest in Masonry Universal and at this time your devotion to Capitular Masonry," could not well have been directed to them.

The Companions were assembled in a new Temple, the first of its kind in the Territory devoted to Masonic purposes solely, and its dedication formed a portion of the exercises.

Among the departed was the Grand Captain of the Host, of whom the G. H. P. said:

"Noble, generous soul, who never failed to contribute of his slender means to the support of the unfortunate, the fallen; in a moment like the lightning's flash, in the twinkle of an eye, our beloved Companion Charles David Haney was no more."

He commented severely on the action of certain Companions of a Chapter who, in order to equip themselves for the work before them, secured cypher rituals, which they used in the conferring of the several degrees.

But generally the Companions were "so well posted in Capitular jurisprudence" that he was not worried with requests for rulings, and all was peace.

The Grand Secretary informed him that clandestine, or a species of bastard Masonry, was gaining a foothold in the jurisdiction, and suggested that "our Keystone" be placed on record in compliance with the late session laws of the territory. This was done in a communication from the Grand Secretary to the territorial authorities, enclosing a copy of a Keystone "on one side of which in circular form are the letters S. T. K. S. H. T. W. S.," and now that little emblem, if borne by one not duly authorized, will lead him into troubled waters.

On the 16th June, 1909, M. E. Companion Zuck, who had served Grand Chapter so well, obeyed the mandate that must come sooner or later, and the sorrowing Com-

panions of Holbrook paid the last honors to one whose familiar voice was stilled forever.

Selim J. Michelson, Phoenix, Grand High Priest.

Geo. J. Roskrige, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas

Chapters . . 82. Members . . 3732.

On a solid foundation is built the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Hence we find that each succeeding annual Convocation discovers itself expounding and promulgating the law at Little Rock. The Fifty-ninth was duly opened on the morning of November 19th, 1908, with an average representation.

Grand High Priest Sam Davidson was in a thankful mood and expressed himself so. It was a great year and the Chapters were in a healthy condition "morally, materially and financially." There was an addition of one.

Past Grand High Priest Fay Hempstead had at some period of the year been selected, by whom the G. H. P. did not say, for coronation as poet-laureate at some place not mentioned, and the G. H. P. expressed gratification that one of themselves had been so highly honored. From later revelations we learn that the ubiquitous Illinoisians were the discoverers.

"This great honor has heretofore been bestowed upon but two of our Brethren. First, upon the illustrious Robert Burns, the Scottish bard, who wrote but one Masonic ode, his 'Adieu, a Heart-warm, Fond Adieu.' Next on Brother Robert Morris of Kentucky in 1884. Brother Morris' exquisitely affecting verses on many Masonic themes fill a large volume well known to the Masonic world."

We modestly admit a familiarity with Robbie Burns from tender years, and made early acquaintance with his "one Masonic ode." Of the other Rob and his works we have heard at one time or another, not always as a poet, although we have seen and perused some of his

ambitious flights in that direction, but we confess that our education has been lamentably neglected so far as knowledge of the distinguished Arkansas Companion's lucubrations are concerned. If he wrote for the papers down his way an unappreciative "exchange list" failed to do its duty, and the announcement that fame and a wreath, of Illinois origin and neat design, were accorded and awarded came both as a shock and a compelling reminder that we were away, far away behind the age. We, however, cheerfully and gladly accept the assurance that the wearer was worthy of the laurel which once adorned the noble brow of Scotia's bard, as also his of Kentucky. Meantime as from the resolution of appreciation endorsed by Arkansas it is learned that the gifted Companion was chosen

"Poet Laureate of Freemasonry for the United States
and Canada."

a titular distinction that should assist to crush the aspirations of local versifying contributors to the periodical organs of Masonic opinion, it is humbly suggested that an occasional flash of the poetic flame should be directed northward to illumine and inspire the many who still linger in the gloom of ignorance and who know but the "one Masonic ode" of the first laureate and have forgotten, if indeed they ever knew, the achievements, numerous as the "Stars," of the second.

It would be churlish, even under those circumstances, not to join with our Arkansas Companions in their felicitations, and we congratulate not only the distinguished recipient of the high honour, but also the enterprising Illinois brethren for the rare perspicacity, dormant elsewhere, which enabled them to select a fitting successor to the "two Rabbies."

The p. d., as one of our colleagues delights to abbreviate that unwashed imp of the composing room, took occasion to peruse the above "copy" in the shady seclusion afforded by the chapel towel, and hastily scribbled the following, which later he surreptitiously de-

posited on the reporter's desk. We give it, not for its intrinsic worth, but to show our good Companions of the south that they have not yet secured a monopoly of the divine afflatus:

"Do you happen to know that a short time ago
 In a city quite famous for breeze
 A poet was found and hilariously crowned
 With leaves from most verdant of trees?
 His gems, rich and rare, we fraternally share,
 As a laureate's limits are nil.
 Not so, when his muse was confined to the "News,"
 For its Arkansas readers to thrill.
 Now when it is known that the northern zone
 Is linked with "our uncle" in this,
 A concession to prize, then all Canada cries
 For a sample to add to her bliss,
 And the bright Arctic lights, now accustomed to sights,
 Will dance with ecstatic glee,
 When a soul-stirring lay from the laureate, Fay,
 Comes to "warm up" the late Sam McGee."

N.B.—For the atrocious allegation in the concluding verse of the foregoing alleged "pome" we, on behalf of the "allegator," tender an abject apology to the gifted author of "Songs of a Sourdough."

The application for demit of an old-time member of one of the Chapters furnished opportunity to exploit Arkansas' anti-liquor law. It was away back in the seventies when he ceased membership, and, although it might be assumed that his numerous requests for demit implied a willingness to clear up any indebtedness, the fact that he was engaged with a firm of distillers, as indicated by the printed heading on his letters, was apparently urged as an objection. In a reply he took occasion to indulge in heresy, saying that "a liquor dealer who does not drink is better than those who refuse to receive him as a Mason." The awful thunderbolt of the law (according to Arkansas) was accordingly hurled.

"I hold that he is still a member of Chapter No. 37 and that it is the duty of that Chapter to charge him with unmasonic

conduct under the edict adopted by this Grand Chapter in 1899, providing that 'No person who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors shall become a member of any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter; and all members who are *now* engaged in such business shall be given until January 1, 1901, in which to disengage themselves therefrom under penalty of being charged with unmasonic conduct.' That although it is not clearly so expressed in the resolution referred to, I hold that its provisions are prospective and subject to discipline any member of an Arkansas Chapter engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors at any time subsequent to its adoption."

He also held that a Master Mason having one leg shorter than the other, making it necessary for him to wear a shoe with a high heel and a sole of unusual thickness, but which enables the Brother to take all proper steps, but imperfectly, is not eligible for the Chapter degrees.

In this, however, the Committee was not with him

"For the reason that we regard the question of his physical qualifications as having been settled by his reception in the Lodge. He thereby becomes, so to speak, like unfinished Masonic material suitable for further advancement should he so apply, and in this view we regard the Brother as eligible."

An enterprising Chapter was reported to have been conferring the degrees for a sum far below the minimum fee provided for under the laws and edicts of Grand Chapter. A committee was appointed by the Grand Chapter to investigate the said charges and make report of its action to the Grand High Priest, who was authorized, if the charges were proved, to seize the charter.

The Grand High Priest-elect was unable to attend owing to severe illness, and his installation was postponed.

Companion E. G. Schoonover, who was selected to prepare a Correspondence report, did not realize the magnitude of the labour involved and commenced the work too late. He asked for an extension of time and got it, but even then it was found impossible to complete the task, and he wrote to that effect.

The incident will serve to show to many readers who imagine that the writing of such reports is as "easy as rolling off a log" that the duty is one that not only demands the exercise of research and patience, but the expenditure of considerable time. Brethren or Companions selected to compile these reviews are invariably busy men throughout the day and must perforce sacrifice very many evenings that would otherwise be devoted to healthy relaxation. Some allowance should, therefore, be made by the thoughtless.

R. B. Hogins, Russellville, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

California

Chapters . . 89.

Members . . 10,925.

With prayer by the Grand Chaplain and music by the choir, the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation was opened on the 20th April, 1909, in Golden Gate Commandery Hall by Frederick Wm. G. Moebus, M. E. Grand High Priest, and a full quota of officers, supported by thirteen Past Grand High Priests and twenty-two Representatives of other Grand jurisdictions, among whom was Canada's minister, Companion Roland English Hartley.

The latter were presented by Companion James Bestor Merritt, received with the Grand Honors by three-times-three, accorded a hearty welcome by the Grand High Priest and invited to seats in the East.

The survivors of those present at the memorable convocation held in Masonic Temple on the morning of the great disaster, April 18, 1906, were assembled at the Altar and given the public Grand Honors.

Companion William Dennison Stephens responded to the salutation, expressing the gratification of each and every one of the Companions in being able to attend this third anniversary of the meeting held on the morning of that fearful visitation of earthquake and fire, the remembrance of which would live with them through all their lives.

The Grand High Priest at the previous Christmastide published and circulated a greeting to the Companions, which action, together with the theme, were, to say the least, unique. Apart from the latter, he was prolific in good counsel. He advocated joint installations, especially when combined with the "twinklers," for the reason that "we have been too prone to hold aloof and be too secretive."

"The refining influence of woman at our installations, lending beauty, grace and dignity to the occasion, adding a charm to the event which nothing else could do.

"To the Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star, who on many occasions did so much to make the meetings successes, my brotherly respect and hearty thanks. Sisters, be not weary in well doing, thereby helping your Brothers to nobler things."

Oh, they're getting there. He lashed the politician, the liquor man and all that are bad, and appealed to his Companions to be very *good*. The address was throughout a really nice sermon, and was doubtless appreciated as such.

Among his recommendations was one to the effect "that the American flag be displayed in every Chapter hall at every meeting of the Chapter." An impetus to inspiration probably.

"The Companion, come he from where he will, who would be offended to see the flag of our country displayed in our Chapter halls, is not a true Mason, and has no business among us."

Another qualification to be acquired ere universality as seen by the "eagle" eye, is understood.

The Grand Secretary reported a net gain in membership of 345. The Grand Lecturer opened his address with the pleasant announcement of "Peace, Plenty and Progress." He did good work.

"I have the honor and pleasure to report to you a very satisfactory condition of affairs in the Vineyard of Capitular Masonry and of Ritual Labor, sufficiently encouraging to warrant the prediction of a 'Greater Grand Chapter' in the near future!"

The Grand High Priest of the future may now rest easily. He is sure of his reward, in the jewelry line at any rate. The ruler who from "circumstances over which he had no control was regrettably unable to perform the duties which it was his intention, etc.," need not lose any sleep by anxious doubt as to the outcome. But then California possesses none of that sort. The following was added to the General Regulations:

"That, commencing with the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation, at each Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, upon the conclusion of the Installation Ceremonies, a 'Past Grand High Priest's Jewel' be presented to the retiring Grand High Priest, the cost of the jewels to be paid from Grand Chapter funds, and not to exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars each. That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to procure such testimonials and have the same ready for presentation at the proper time."

It was ordered that the Grand Secretary furnish a list of suspensions, expulsions, and restorations of members of the Blue Lodges of California to Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, "if such information was given to him by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge."

Why not amalgamate and save all the bother? One would like to know how, except as a matter of courtesy, the Grand Lodge Secretary could be asked to do any such thing. As a business proposition, under existing conditions, the "order" presents a phase of the absurd.

The Committee on Grievances reported that it had been searching Grand Chapter from one side to the other, but was unable to find anything to do. "That is a bad state of affairs, we know. No trouble anywhere."

The indefatigable Grand Secretary, notwithstanding his multitudinous duties, presented an admirable report on Correspondence, covering 160 pages of the large volume under review, five of which he devotes to Canada's jubilee proceedings.

M. E. Comp. Davies expressed cordial approval of the absence of R. A. regalia at Masonic funerals as advo-

cated by M. E. Comp. Leslie, and in noting the system of inspection says:

"Not only is the system an excellent one, but the way it is observed in Canada makes a lover of the Order believe in its efficacy."

George Hays Monroe, Fresno, Grand High Priest.

William A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Colorado

Chapters .. 41.

Members .. 3951.

John B. Hershey, M. E. Grand High Priest, chosen and installed at the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation at Denver, is a physician, and his portrait indicates a gentleman of pleasing exterior. Born at Fort Erie, Ontario, he was brought to Masonic light in Erie, Col., and has been active ever since.

Grand High Priest George D. Kennedy in ample form opened the Convocation on the morning of September 23rd, 1909, and welcomed the representatives of sister Grand Chapters, among whom was the never-failing P. G. H. P. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, from Canada. Companion Forhan, from Kansas, acknowledged the greeting in eloquent words.

There were no applications for new Chapters, and the Grand High Priest reported that the net gain in membership was not up to the preceding year.

Complaint was made in the previous year of a Chapter in Utah, working under authority of the General Grand, having overstepped their boundary by accepting an applicant whose residence was in Colorado. The latter, it seems, had given a Utah address with his application, and the General Grand High Priest reported that he had been exonerated of the charge of misrepresentation. This, however, was not satisfactory to Colorado, which requested charges to be preferred. At the trial there was much contradictory evidence. Ignorance rather than

evil intent was urged and a waiver of jurisdiction in return for reimbursement of fee, recommended, and this was agreed to by the committee, who approved the "successful and happy termination" of the difficulty.

Circumstances "over which he had no control" prevented the G. H. P. from enjoying "the most agreeable duty" of visiting more than two Chapters away from home. The Grand Lecturer, however, was active.

He decided that a Mark Master made by other than a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is not entitled to recognition. That shuts out the host of Mark Masters who receive the degree under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and which has constituents in many parts of the globe, as well as of certain brethren of Scottish origin. Wherein is Colorado's Mark legitimate or England's otherwise? If the door of an English Mark lodge were shut upon a visiting brother from Colorado it is reasonable to suppose that there would be found some to ask the reason why. Decisions of that nature only tend to bring our boasted universality into contempt.

We are justified too in referring to England's Mark Masters as a "host." It is a vast army, and it is not there for show purposes either. The last report of the Grand Mark Lodge shows that the total number of registrations at date was 56,756. The Grand Master is the head of Symbolic Masonry in England, and the Pro-Grand Master is the Earl of Euston, who as a K. T. is cheerfully welcomed at U. S. triennials, but were he to come as the head of the Mark Master degree he would not be recognized—in Colorado. These English Mark Masters cannot be regarded as a close corporation in the great work of charity, as they have assisted the distressed, the widow and the orphan for nearly half a century to the tune of nearly \$300,000, independent of the enormous benefactions of the other Masonic bodies to which in all probability the Mark Master likewise contributes.

The "size" of the Colorado decision may best be estimated, without the aid of a microscope, by placing it

alongside the work of these "unrecognized" brethren. To use a saying of the immortal Mrs. Partington, "Comparisons are odorous."

M. E. Comp. Foster continues "the sturdy man at the wheel" in the review of the Capitular world, and we trust he will enlighten us on the above, to our view, "very small" matter.

He is not "the only pea in the pod" by any means when he joins with Comp. Titcomb in decrying the inclusion of "barnacles" with Masonic bodies. We have denounced the tendency frequently and are pleased to say that no such mention is countenanced in this jurisdiction, nor are leaders in the Craft inclined to decorate themselves with a badge which proclaims to the world, for all the world knows it, that once in their lives they allowed themselves to be put up as helpless puppets for "the other kids" to play with.

"We agree entirely with Companion Titcomb that true Masonic bodies should not thus give the Shrine an apparently Masonic standing, as it is misleading not only to the outside world, but also to the younger members of the fraternity, some of whom think that to be a Shriner is to attain the summit of Masonry. We also personally dislike in obituary and memorial notices to see the Shrine given prominence; why not just as well give dates of initiation into other societies?"

He is very generous with Canada for 1909, quoting favorably the Committee's views on the increased minimum fee, and has this to say of our argument with New Jersey's reporter:

"Companion Geo. J. Bennett, as usual, makes a particularly interesting report on account of the discussion which he carries on relative to the English and American systems of nomenclature of the principal officers with Companion Haines of New Jersey, in which he combats the assertion that the American H. P., K., and S. were directly imported from England and attributes it to an Irish ancestry. He backs his statement with such good logic and abundant testimony that we are fain to believe that he has the best of the argument."

Very pertinently he comments on the action of some jurisdictions in endorsing the views of their Corres-

pondence Committees. The reporter usually writes to furnish information to his Companions. In relating the doings of other jurisdictions his comments are his own, and the reader, in reasoning out the situation for himself, may arrive at an altogether different conclusion. Indeed we are quite sure that the position we have taken on some matters, while justified by a clear belief in our own interpretation, is possibly far removed from the views of some of our closest friends.

"It occurs to us that it is a peculiar method to dispose of the Report on Correspondence, which is the report of a regular committee, to *authorize* its publication with the proceedings. We think it should be received and ordered printed as an appendix, though some Jurisdictions, in addition to receiving it and ordering it printed, 'adopt' it, among this number Colorado. This, whilst very flattering to the author, is virtually adopting the opinions expressed by the correspondent, whereas in reality they may vary considerably from the consensus of opinion of the Grand Body, whose members never read it until months afterward, when it is in print, and therefore adoption is, in our opinion, a little too liberal an action to take."

John B. Hershey, Trinidad, Grand High Priest.

Chas. H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Connecticut

Chapters .. 40.

Members .. 8050.

The shadow of bereavement hung over the One hundred and eleventh Annual Convocation at New Haven on the 11th May, 1909. Three Past Grand High Priests had obeyed the inevitable summons, and each had registered an undying mark in the Capitular structure of which all were justly proud.

John H. Barlow, for thirty years the Correspondence reporter,

"In which capacity he was known, beloved, and respected from ocean to ocean. Good old 'Uncle John;' we shall sadly miss his genial presence and wise counsel."

James R. Post and James L. Gould, who presided over Grand Chapter many years ago, were familiar to

old-timers rather than to the present generation. Both were ardent students, and the ritualistic work possessed a charm for each. The latter's "work" was adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and his "Guide to the Chapter" is recognized as one of the standard works of Freemasonry. For a number of years he had been afflicted with total blindness.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Geo. A. Kies, failed not to recall their virtues when addressing his Companions. His references to the condition of the Royal Craft were indicative of close attention on the part of himself and officers, and except for an improvement in some points of Chapter outfit, and a necessity for by-laws revision, he found the rite well cared for.

Dispensations for "railroading" purposes he invariably declined, and to a Chapter desirous of "imposing fines for non-attendance" he turned a deaf ear.

Observing that Grand Chapter was entitled to nominate eight additional honorary life members of the Masonic Charity foundation, he said that they had contributed, up to the present, sums aggregating \$5,500, but urged his Companions not to let themselves become weary in well-doing.

The Grand High Priest, owing to the lamented death of Companion Barlow, undertook the duty of preparing a report on Correspondence, and he succeeded admirably. We have to express true pleasure that he is continued in the reporter's chair, and the hope that he will give abundantly of his store of good ideas, for though it is apparent that he held himself in when inditing this present report, enough is gathered to demonstrate his ability to let himself loose when he feels like doing so. We bid him cordial welcome.

He is an ardent believer in the doctrine of dependent membership, and says, under Canada:

"We personally know of many cases where Companions became non-affiliates in Lodge and Chapter (at the same time retaining membership in Commandery), but hastened to 'cover' after the adoption of this law by the Grand Encampment K. T."

All we can say is that the "many cases" must have been very poorly investigated before they were first admitted, and very illy taught subsequent to that admission. We have no such experience, nor can we recall a single instance of desertion of Lodge or Chapter to enjoy the advantages of an attached organization. Such a thing is, of course, probable, but the occurrence is extremely rare.

A reference to a quotation of ours from a communication by Historian Hughan elicits the following:

"We are told that even Homer sometimes nods. Is it not possible that any man, however learned he may be, may at times be wrong?"

Certainly, it is possible, and we are told, also, that "a nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse." The latter won't see it.

If the doctrine of dependent membership is what its disciples claim for it, it would not have had to wait until nearly the close of the nineteenth century to be discovered in the United States. Nor if its value is of such vast importance to the Craft, would the discovery still be confined to that territory. Freemasonry *outside* of the American jurisdictions, and there is something of it left, has yet to appreciate the new world method of sophistically sacrificing principle to expediency.

The Grand Encampment is a sovereign body, but where it got the right to legislate for the Grand Chapter or its allegiants is something, as Lord Dundreary would say, "that no fellah can find out." Similarly, Grand Chapter has no business to poke its nose into blue lodge affairs. To attempt guardianship of Symbolic Masonry is an impudent and unwarrantable interference. The blue lodge can take care of itself. The right to encourage or attempt to compel Masons to remain members of lodges implies the right to do the opposite. The argument that it is only *compelling* members of the Chapter *to do their duty to the Lodge* is just a piece of Paul Pryism, which the lodge might, with perfect justice,

indignantly resent. As one old writer sapiently remarked, "Depriving a Chapter member of rights, because he does not do his duty to the lodge, carries with it the attempt to enquire into the manner in which he performs that duty."

As illustrating the lengths to which the devotees of this fetich will go, the resolution introduced into the Grand Chapter of Vermont takes the lead for genuine brassiness. It suggested that an unaffiliate, suspended or dimitted for six months, is thereby "debarred from connection with or membership in *any superior body*," and that notification be sent to the proper officer of *all superior orders of Masonry* to which the double-dyed offender may have attached himself.

Fortunately, there was a Committee observant enough to detect the outrageous absurdity of the proposal, and gave it its merited dismissal.

The learned writer to whom Companion Kies refers may, of course, be wrong, from the U. S. point of view, but he's in a mighty numerous company.

"Men who their duties know . . .
And knowing, dare maintain."

We perused his "Conclusion" with great satisfaction, and anticipate much of beneficial interchange of opinion even if we cannot agree on all subjects. We congratulate Connecticut on a worthy successor to the venerable and loved Companion who for so many years served her faithfully and well.

Charles A. Farnham, Collinsville, Grand High Priest.

Jas. McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware

Chapters . . 4.

Members . . 986.

Comp. Alfred M. Clower, M. E. Grand High Priest, had an easy year. At least one might so gather from

the story of his official term told to the Forty-first Annual Convocation at Wilmington on the 20th January, 1909.

He visited all the Chapters and reported them good in working and funds. He was asked for neither decisions nor dispensations, and business prevented him from enjoying a night off with others of the Anointed at the annual feast in New York.

He ventured four recommendations, one of which was to threaten the subordinate Chapters with an early demise if they failed to convoke eight times within the year.

A prayer by the Grand Chaplain is reproduced, suitable in its place, but which might have been modified for a possibly mixed gathering.

Grand Chapter mourned the death of Past Grand Treasurer James P. Postles, a veteran of the war, who had attained the rank of General, and who was awarded, for distinguished gallantry, a Congressional medal of honor by the Secretary of War.

Past Grand High Priest Harrison, in his report on Correspondence, reviews Canada's volume of proceedings, which dealt with the jubilee year, and remarks that the business was of local interest and would not interest the Companions of Delaware. He is probably right.

This genial reporter can neither be accused of slackness in "review" nor of lavishness in opinion. What he wants is elbow room.

A. Henry Berlin, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

James H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

District of Columbia

Chapters .. 12.

Members .. 3518.

Nathaniel Brady Fugitt, Grand King, a highly respected citizen and beloved Companion, was suddenly stricken on the evening of June 10, 1908, while assisting

with his usual tireless energy in the opening ceremonies in Washington Commandery, No. 1. Without any warning he sank into unconsciousness and quietly passed away into that higher and immortal life above.

A special Convocation was summoned to assist in doing honor to his memory, and with full Masonic rites the remains of this good brother were laid away in Rock Creek cemetery on the 13th of June.

Another special was held on July 3, to consider the report of a committee on the subject of the relations of the Capitular Craft financially and otherwise to the new Masonic Temple. It was decided to adopt the various recommendations and secure quarters in the new structure.

The Forty-second Annual Convocation was held in the new Masonic Temple on the 10th February, 1909, with a large attendance. Canada was among the thirty-five Grand jurisdictions represented, and to them the Grand High Priest directed some practical remarks as to their position and duties.

M. E. Comp. E. St. Clair Thompson proved to be an ideal ruler. He inaugurated his year by bringing the Council officers of the Chapters together and consulting as to the best means to united effort. As a result a "High Priests' Association" was formed, and he expressed the hope that the future would justify its creation.

He busied himself in the matter of selecting and furnishing Grand Chapter quarters in the new Temple. The quarters provided for the Grand Chapter consist of one room on the second floor, south side of the building, about fourteen by sixteen feet in dimensions, for which, and for the use of the Chapter Hall for convocations, the Grand Chapter agreed to pay \$500 per annum.

He commissioned R. E. Comp. Geo. F. Shepley, of Toronto, as the representative of Grand Chapter near that of Canada.

He recommended the adoption of a combined form of annual receipt and certificate to offset the designs of the impostor, a reform that might go well in such a compact and limited jurisdiction, but would hardly fizz on the intending fraud elsewhere.

An interesting correspondence on the right of visitation, based on a clause of the jurisdiction's constitution, is submitted, and will serve to enlighten the Companions of the "District."

In his visitations the Grand High Priest took a special subject, and for a brief few minutes addressed the Companions. These papers are reproduced in the proceedings and are well worth perusal everywhere. Admirable thoughts admirably expressed. Truly this officer's designs on the trestle board were bound to be appreciated by the workmen.

It was with a sad feeling of personal bereavement that we read Grand Secretary Johnston's announcement that he had abandoned the Correspondent's quill after nine years of devoted service.

"The writer retires from the field of correspondence not only because of increasing official duties, but because he is tired of threshing old straw. The placid current of capitular thought brings no new questions to the surface, and, having discussed the old ones 'all the way 'round and all the way back,' he is weary of the 'damnable iteration' of ideas and opinions for which he can no longer find even new forms of expression."

Well, we accept all that for what it's worth. But if we are a judge, no Companion of the corps took more enjoyment out of his work than did Companion Johnston, and the pleasure was not confined to himself. His was practically a labor of love, and he loved the labor. How many hours of genuine relaxation and instruction has he given to his Companions and to those privileged to peruse and use his sparkling reviews? We shall miss the racy wit and apt rejoinder, all his own, and although we have had distant acquaintance with his successor and recognize his worth, yet even he will bear with us in expressing sorrow at a parting, not anticipated. with one

whom we had learned to regard as a kindred spirit. On this his last contribution he was handicapped by increased duties and pleads for the compilation that it is a report and not a review. One solace remains, for he stays in his permanent capacity as Grand Secretary and will be always in sight if out of hearing.

Francis J. Woodman, Washington, D.C., Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, D.C., Grand Secretary.

Florida

Chapters . . 29.

Members . . 1817.

Rev. John H. Waddell presided over the destinies of Grand Chapter for the year, and in opening the Sixty-third Annual Convocation at Jacksonville on 11th May, 1909, referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest William E. Anderson, whose beneficent rule a quarter of a century ago did much to uplift the Royal Craft in Florida.

The Grand High Priest did some good visiting and was well supported by his colleagues in office.

Two new Chapters were authorized, and among the many questions submitted for decision was one particularly pertinent, "How is the Chapter to be notified of a suspended member of the Blue Lodge, and whose duty is it to notify the Chapter?"

His reply very clearly illustrates a peculiar phase of this dependent absurdity, for the Blue Lodge *per se* is not supposed to be officially aware of the existence of the Chapter.

"I replied that from the wording of Regulation 38, it was my judgment that whenever a Chapter receives information, *in any legal way*, of the suspension of a Brother who is a member of such Chapter, it is to take action as directed in the regulation, but that it would not be required or expected to act upon mere hearsay or private information. Regarding the second part of the question—on subsequent thought as to its meaning—I replied that in my judgment there are three sources from which information of suspension by the Blue Lodge could come

to the Chapter: the Lodge might communicate it; or a member, or members, of the Chapter, present at the Lodge meeting when such action was taken might communicate it; or the suspended member himself might communicate it; and I further expressed the *opinion* that it would be the *moral* duty of a member of the Chapter, knowing of the suspension of another, to communicate it to the Chapter for its consideration, to carry out the requirement implied in Regulation 23.

"It might be well for the Committee on Jurisprudence to take this whole question under consideration."

Just so. The suggestion was the only thing left to him, otherwise had he continued he'd have tied himself up in a knot. The sapient committee was equally cautious and recommended an amended clause, which was just as remote from a direct reply to the question as that of the G. H. P.

"No. 38. When information comes to a Chapter that a Grand Lodge or other competent Masonic authority has suspended or expelled a Brother who is a member of the Chapter or who has received any of the capitular degrees therein, such Chapter shall immediately cause an investigation of the matter to be made, and upon such information being confirmed, shall make an entry thereof in the minutes. Such person may be restored or reinstated by action of the Chapter, after evidence that he shall have been restored or reinstated by proper Masonic authority."

The Grand Secretary presented an encouraging report and the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the reception of the General Grand suggested that officer as the best medium for undertaking the engagement of the quarters where hospitality was to be dispensed.

A recommendation to appoint a Grand Lecturer was warmly espoused, but in view of the expense it was decided to nurse the idea for a little time longer.

Exemption for clergymen came up in the form of an amendment, and the Jurisprudence Committee offered an addition to the existing law to read, "Provided that any Chapter may remit the fees to clergymen." This will be discussed at next Annual Convocation.

Samuel Pasco, Monticello, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia

Chapters .. 129.

Members .. 6368.

The great event of the year in Georgia was the triennial gathering of General Grand Chapter at Savannah in November, and the Companions were actively engaged for many months in preparing a true Southern welcome.

There was a big attendance at the Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation in Macon on the 28th April. The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion L. M. Heard, had his full quota of officers to support him at the opening. He announced a good year. Four new Chapters were started under most favorable auspices. His dispensations for other purposes were numerous.

He expressed gratification that he had not been called upon for a decision during the year. It is noticeable that this happy condition of affairs invariably calls for a tribute to the "intelligence" of the "capable" officers in charge of the affairs of the various Chapters. This was no exception to the rule.

M. E. Companion J. H. Weddell, Grand High Priest of the State of Florida, wrote stating that it was the desire of the sister jurisdiction to co-operate in every way possible to make the session of General Grand Chapter a success and emphasize "the true welcome of our Southland." The G. H. P. at once replied, thanking the Companion for Florida's fraternal interest.

Georgia's Masonic Home is doing a splendid work in providing comforts for the widows and orphans of Companions who have gone to the great beyond, and who died possessed of but few of this world's goods, as well as caring for those of brethren and Companions who in their old age and infirmity are not situated so they can provide themselves with the necessities of life. The sum of \$1,000 was voted to this noble institution.

During roll-call it was announced that Past Grand High Priest Henry Banks, on his way to the opening of Grand Convocation, was taken suddenly sick and had to

be conveyed to his room. A message of sympathy was at once sent.

Companion Henry D. Hamilton, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, was announced as a visitor and was received with honors due his rank and welcomed to the Grand Chapter.

One of the Chapters was on the carpet charged with conferring the degrees for a sum less than the statutory minimum. The chairman of the Investigating Committee, which found the Chapter guilty, pleaded that the offenders had promised to be good in future and they went on their way rejoicing.

Nine of the Chapters had not paid dues for a number of years. Decapitation was recommended. Three others were behind for two years, and similar measures were to be taken if in ninety days the tardy ones failed to toe the mark. All this tended to make the statistical table look sick. Yet one of the committees reported:

"The condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgia, we take pardonable pride in saying, is now the best in the history of this Grand Body. From being a small body with only a few Chapters we have now reached the point where we have Chapters convenient to almost any part of this State which, by activity and attention to the beautiful teachings of Capitular Masonry, have become a potent factor in the advancement of the moral condition of our State."

The presentation to the Masonic Home of "a memorial of Masonic badges" in memory of Companion George Augustine Dure was an interesting incident. The Grand Chapter was placed at refreshment and members of Companion Dure's family were given seats in the East. Grand Secretary W. A. Wolihin, in an appropriate manner, made the presentation on behalf of the deceased Companion's daughter.

The newly-installed Grand High Priest, Comp. J. A. Walton, thanked Grand Chapter for the honor, and must have been gratified to learn that his good services were so quickly anticipated in the adoption of the following:

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure a regulation Past Grand High Priest's jewel to be presented to Grand High Priest J. A. Walton."

Past Grand High Priest Lambdin, the Correspondent, was not present, but he sent a nice letter. His report breathes throughout pleasurable anticipation of the reunion in November and the frequently-expressed hope that he would meet many of those with whom he had exchanged thoughts and views for so long. Alas, he was not to be there. His tenth and final report is published with the Proceedings, and the concluding words to his Companions must have touched a reminiscent chord in many a heart that beat with affection for a most worthy worker.

"With all the rejoicing that a long labor is ended, there comes ever the wish that it were better done. But it is now too late to make amends.

"The fire burns low on the hearth; the March wind has died away into a calm; the weary pen would rest; from an earnest heart we bid you

"Gude nicht, and joy be wi' you a'!"

He had given not a little of his kind attention to Canada for the last year, and his concluding words to the writer we reproduce, if only to emphasize the broken link:

"The Grand Scribe E. was selected to visit the western part of the jurisdiction and thereby encourage the Companions on the Pacific in their efforts. We were not surprised to read the tribute to this faithful officer. Companion Bennett is at his best in the Correspondence Report, which we have read to our edification as well as pleasure."

The last months of this worthy Companion's life were spent at the home of his children in Texas, where the end came on July 6th, 1909.

J. A. Walton, Columbus, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Wolihan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Idaho

Chapters . . 13.

Members . . 785

Like Wyoming this is one of the latest creations of the General Grand and appears to have been organized under similar conditions. The initial pamphlet detailing the preliminary meeting the constitution agreed to and the First Annual Convocation held at Wallace on the 22nd June, 1909, is hereby thankfully acknowledged. It was unaccompanied, as in the other case, by any request for recognition.

The young body suffered early loss in the death of the Grand Principal Sojourner elected at organization.

The oldest Chapter No. 1 in Idaho City was chartered in 1867. Its twelve officers include six Past High Priests, and they have a support of just seven side benchers or a total of 19 after over forty years existence. Some of the other Chapters are strong and vigorous.

Grand High Priest was grateful for his selection as the first ruler of the new body, but "circumstances over which he had no control, prevented him from visiting the different Chapters in the State and giving the office that attention which it should have had, especially in the beginning."

Frank D. Winn, Coeur D'Alene, Grand High Priest.

Albert A. Jessup, Boise, Grand Secretary.

Illinois

Chapters . . 194.

Members . . 27,789.

An eloquent appeal for blessing was the Grand Chaplain's prayer at the opening of the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation in Chicago's Masonic Temple on 29th October, 1908. The fervent words, especially at the close, must have "touched" not a few of his auditors, and if we are to judge by names in the list of representa-

tives it is just possible we have a few of the same "tribes and families" within our own Capitular circle.

The Oriental Quartette was also on hand to assist, and, although their selections are not reproduced, let us hope there was nothing inharmonious for the sensitive ear.

Companion Monroe C. Crawford, M. E. Grand High Priest, congratulated Grand Chapter on increasing membership and a "future radiant with promise."

Feelingly he touched upon the loss sustained in the death of the well-known and esteemed Grand Secretary Gilbert W. Barnard, a name familiar to the Craft at large. The "beloved Companion had received many honors—but his highest distinction was the position he occupied in the hearts and affections of his brethren."

After his demise the Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priest George W. Warvelle as Grand Secretary, which appointment was ratified by Grand Chapter, and Illinois has thus maintained its reputation for always placing the right man in the right place.

The Grand High Priest visited four of the Chapters. Other grand officers are assigned to visit the Chapters in the nine districts when called upon. Six of the nine are reported on. Among the Grand Scribe's visits was one to La Fayette Chapter, where he installed the new Grand Secretary. "George seemed happy after the ceremony was over and has been wearing a broad smile ever since."

The other visiting officers who reported were shy on visitation, but they heard that matters were progressive even in their absence. The Board of Lecturers did good work with Schools of Instruction.

Grand Secretary Warvelle, in taking over the duties, discovered that he had an office without furniture and registered a vigorous protest. He now can proceed without utilizing the floor as a combined desk and seat. We've been there ourselves (on the floor), and can sympathize with the awkward situation.

A proposal to change the by-law affecting the Grand High Priest's salary, making the stipend one thousand instead of four hundred dollars, was disapproved by the Committee, and a compromise, fixing the annual sum at six hundred, was carried.

Past Grand High Priest Goddard, in presenting the outgoing ruler with the jewel of office, related the story of that worthy Companion's career, Masonic and otherwise, which must have aroused a keen sentiment of enthusiasm in his hearers.

"As a soldier in the field commanding men, as an officer of the law charged with grave responsibilities, as a Mason who has had conferred upon him the greatest honors that can be conferred, and as a citizen of the United States, this man has made great history—honorable history—valuable history. The pages of the record are clean. Not only are they clean, but they bear testimony of faithful service, and of ability, and of statesmanship.

"I have admired this man from my early youth, and after I came to that age when I could claim him as a friend, his life and his example has been to me a great inspiration, as it has been, Companions, to legions of other young men who happened to have the good fortune of coming under his influence. That overflow soul of his, that cordial handshake and those kindly words that are ever ready upon his lips have given new hope and courage to the aged, a strength to people in middle life, and have been an uplift to the young by the thousands."

Companion Warvelle's Correspondence Report is, as usual, Warvellian, although it is observed that the reviewing is, in many cases, more extended than formerly. Where there is little or nothing to review that particular jurisdiction gets little or nothing from Warvelle. He saw little in Canada's proceedings of its jubilee year, *ergo* Canada receives little notice, just eighteen lines, to be accurate. He paused long enough, however, to remark that the historical address of M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson was "interesting and scholarly," but when he mounts the three-legged stool, swells and pats his manly chest and becomes oracular to the extent of thirty pages it is then we get Warvelle in all the glory of the erudite analyst. His very superiority to all and sundry upon whom for the moment he levels his shafts is prominent

and, we may add, the "scholarly" style in which he feathers the latter, is something delightful to contemplate. A perusal of his fulminations "From the Tripod" is like a refreshing draught after a warm day's toil.

The publisher of a Masonic magazine in Chicago found fault with his Correspondence methods; others of less account have done so, without provoking much rejoinder. To the publisher, however, he directs a few pointers of characteristic pungency that we doubt not will test the mettle, if not the vulnerability, of that intrepid critic, and he follows them up with the following:

"'Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you.' So spake Jesus in the days of old. Have conditions materially changed? At all events, is not that man an insipid and negative character in whose conduct no one can find anything to provoke criticism? And yet, to be otherwise is but to invite attacks from the horde of pestilent insects that generate in the miasmatic marshes and cess-pools of modern society. Indeed, it is just about impossible for a man to attempt to rise above the level of an animated bunion and yet escape the envious shafts of the muck-rakers and mud-slingers. If you would avoid criticism, say nothing; do nothing; be nothing.

"It was also said of old by the gentle Master of Nazareth that we should love our enemies, and bless them that curse us, and pray for them that despitefully use us. I am told that the Knights Templar actually do these things. But we, as Royal Arch Masons, are living under the Torah, and, whatever else may be said of that remarkable book, I find it a wonderfully human document. It shows conclusively that man is pretty much the same in all countries and all ages. And much as we may admire the precepts of the adorable and amiable Jesus, it is yet the old law of retaliation and compensation that governs the actions of most of us. Indeed, I doubt, sometimes, whether even a Knight Templar can reach that beatific condition of self abnegation which would induce him to turn the other cheek after having received a good swipe on one side. For my own part I have to confess, not without feelings of great contrition, however, that I am yet in the unregenerate state. The blood of my old savage ancestors surges strong through my veins. I love my friends; I hate my enemies. (Cf. 109th Psalm.)"

And throws in, too, without money and without price, all the blessings and benefits of the 109th Psalm.

There are other biting specimens of his "savagery," which, if thoughtfully perused, might well aid to cool

some of the red-hot "civilization" that runs riot in not a few of the camps of tolerance and charity. Having truly remarked that the "booze dispenser" by his own acts has shut the door against all sympathy and that "it scarcely seems necessary to enact prohibitory legislation against a class that has ostracized itself," he logically adds:

"There is one phase of this booze subject that, to my mind, seems not only a gross perversion of Masonic precept but a positive denial of Masonic principles. And that is, the extension of the dram-shop idea to men who are engaged in the liquor industries as employes only and in purely clerical positions. Thus, in Colorado a bookkeeper for a brewing company was, by reason of his employment, officially declared unfit to enter the congregation of the faithful. Reasoning upon the same lines, the architect who designed the brewery building, the workmen who erected it, and the material men who furnished the machinery and utensils, are all equally unworthy. And how about the members of the community that accept and use the taxes paid by the brewery man? May they, with propriety, accept these wages of sin and still be eligible to sit with us who have washed our hands in innocence? Where shall the line be drawn between the truly good and the wholly bad?

"But, now that we are upon the subject of family disturbances, has it ever occurred to you that we might extend our list of undesirable citizens by an inclusion of the vendors of mince pie and ice water? It seems, from the statements of the boozemen to the House Committee on Judiciary at Washington, that mince pie is one of the most active agents of crime and that ice water is rapidly undermining the health and morals of the community. I had long suspected this, but did not arrive at a full realization of the fact until the boozemen's lawyer put the cold proofs up to the committee. If matters and things in general continue in their present trend it will soon be dangerous to be safe."

That he is a strong advocate of "the new religion" in United States Masonry is evident from his vigorous comment in agreement with the wise men of North Carolina, and which to our view is as much a denial of Masonic principle as the "phase of the booze question" to which he devoted attention above.

"The status of the Master Mason should fix and determine the status of the Royal Arch Mason, so far, at least, as affects his standing and rights of membership. Indeed, I would go even farther than the committee, and say that non-affiliation, whether

voluntary or involuntary, should work a deprivation of rights of membership as long as the condition continued to exist."

This will go on until the stone yard and a "skilly" diet are added to the pains and penalties. In Vermont, not content with legislating for the blue, it was proposed to be enacted that the heinous unaffiliate be debarred from connection with or membership *in any superior body*. Think of it! If the thing was not a menace and ominous of the Craft's future integrity it would be really amusing. The Masonic legislators in this "sweet land of liberty" appear to be determinedly "progressive"; so much so that, in a few years, the pioneers, were they permitted a return trip over the Styx, would see in it an organization to be shunned. But in the home of the free, Masonry "must keep pace with modern requirements."

The high priests of the "new faith" are triumphing. An additional "great light" of marvellous potency has been added, and in its refulgence all others wax dim. *In hoc signo vinces*—\$

"From its earliest existence, tradition informs us, the rituals bear testimony, and we firmly believe, that the corner stone of Masonry, as an organized society, has been its *voluntary* character. This is indicated by the very name *Free* and Accepted Mason.

"Let *Free* Masons then exercise a modicum of the wisdom of our first M. W. Grand Master in adopting a necessary innovation (dues) to the time honored and inherent *freedom* of the Order.

"We believe it *our* duty to be an affiliated member of a Lodge, a Chapter, a Council and a Commandery; but we deem it a question of personal duty which we are *free* to decide for ourself, responsible to no one but our God and our conscience, and we accord the same *free* decision to every Brother, Companion and Sir Knight in the Universe."

The above words, as applicable to-day as they were then, were written thirty-six years ago by a talented and much loved Companion, John N. Lewis, of Connecticut, but since his time the corner stone of Masonry has been converted into a fetter block and "time honored freedom" in "the land of the free" will soon be a memory.

Companion Warvelle is an adept in Scripture history, and his reading thereof is profound and no doubt accurate. It is when he comes down to dealing with Masonic events of early days that his data is open to criticism.

"In the present English system the King—Zerubbabel—is the ranking officer of the grand council and the president of the Chapter. This arrangement, which practically dates from the union in 1813, is derived from the usage of the adherents of the grand lodge of the 'Moderns,' and the rituals devised by Dunckerly and his associates, in opposition to the lectures employed by Dermott in the grand lodge of the 'Ancients.' I am inclined to believe that the reason for placing Zerubbabel first, in the Dunckerly lectures, may be traced to the prophecies of Haggai."

"In the *present* English system" would indicate that there was another English system prior to that now in use. There was never any other system in England but that of the present, so far as existing evidence shows, at least from 1765 or thereabouts. He defies history again in stating that the arrangement of the official names dated "from the union in 1813." The Chapter union was not accomplished until four years later. The records show conclusively that for half a century, prior to that event, both Ancients and Moderns used the same official titles, and that they were similar to those of the present day. To credit Dunckerly with originating ritual or lectures is to enrich the memory of that worthy with something for which the researches of the old country historians can find nothing in support. Moreover, there is no "King" in the present or past English system. The exalting of Zerubbabel to that dignity was altogether a trans-Atlantic achievement.

In combatting Companion Warvelle's statements we only do so because of the light revealed to us by the statements of writers whose personal research and documentary testimony establish their genuineness. His declarations, all his own, are unsupported by any evidence whatever. When he furnishes that latter we will be prepared to promptly do him all the justice his industry merits.

He has promised to demonstrate that the United States Royal Arch, "with officers as we now know them,"

i.e., High Priest, King and Scribe, was a direct importation from England. He has not yet done so, but we are willing to wait for the proof, and will be delighted to make every amend for seeming to doubt his accuracy. Meantime the reiteration of statements, similar to the above, and with nothing under the blue canopy to support them save his own "I say so," cannot be allowed, in fairness to accepted modern authority, to pass without demur.

Again, under the heading "The American Royal Arch System," which is a continuation of a former paper and apparently of the same vintage, he once more lashes himself into a gentle fury over some trans-border expressions, discovered by himself, and which he has interpreted in his own peculiar way to mean "undying animosity" or something similar, and which, if he continues, he will come to actually believe in himself. Certainly nobody else could reasonably accept his view. But as the countryman remarked of the irate canine, "It pleases him and does no harm to us."

In this paper he gives us a lot of well-worn facts and otherwise, which, like former features of his ancient history, are generally familiar and have been anticipated, especially in the matter of his Irish certificates. But this hedging over to Ireland is significant. Hitherto he had left the Green Isle severely out of the argument. However, his remarks, and a comparison with others of Canadian origin, will afford food for reflection.

"It will be seen, therefore, that in the Irish system, which is probably the source of all Royal Arch Masonry as now practised in either hemisphere, the High Priest was the ranking officer."

Ireland as "the source of all Royal Arch Masonry" is only ventured as a probability. There is nothing, as usual, furnished to underpin even the probability. It is merely a Warvillian venture and a daring one at that. True, the origin of the Royal Arch is shrouded in considerable mystery, and none can say who were its sponsors nor where exactly it had its birth, but what evidence

there is, points to England as being its nursery, and none who have read Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite" will doubt that much.

Its earliest year is usually given as 1740, but the author quoted is disposed to believe that it existed as a degree earlier than that. In 1744 there was published in Ireland's capital by Dr. Dassigny "A Serious and Impartial Enquiry into the cause of the present decay of Freemasonry in Ireland." In this pamphlet the Doctor relates an incident that occurred "*some few years ago*" and which is worth perusal.

"Now as the landmarks of the Constitution of Free Masonry are universally the same throughout all kingdoms, and are so well fixed that they will not admit of removal, how comes it to pass that some have been led away with ridiculous innovations, an example of which I shall prove by a certain propagator of a false system, some few years ago, in this city, who imposed upon several very worthy men, under a pretence of being Master of the Royal Arch, which he asserted he had brought with him from the City of *York*, and that the beauties of the Craft did principally consist in the knowledge of this valuable piece of Masonry. However, he carried on his scheme for several months, and many of the learned and wise were his followers, till, at length, his fallacious art was discovered by a Brother of probity and wisdom, who had some small space before attained that excellent part of Masonry in *London*, and plainly proved that his doctrine was false; whereupon the Brethren justly despised him and ordered him to be excluded from all benefits of the Craft."

If Ireland were the source of all Royal Arch Masonry, Dublin would probably have been its headquarters. Yet, in the above we find that an arrant fraud had carried on his work of imposing a bogus Royal Arch for several months in that city, and was only detected by the advent of a genuine Royal Arch Mason who had sometime previously "attained that excellent part of Masonry in *London*."

Try again, Companion, and when you discover another source please attach a certificate of identity.

Frederick E. Hoberg, Peru, Grand High Priest.

Geo. W. Warvelle, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

1909.

Chapters .. 199.

Members .. 29,344.

With customary Grand Chaplain's invocation and vocal exercises, the Sixtieth Annual Convocation was opened as usual in Chicago on the 28th October, 1909, by Companion Frederick E. Hoberg, M. E. Grand High Priest, with words of welcome and expressions of regret at the passing away of two worthy Companions, Loyal Levi Munn and John O'Neill, who presided over Grand Chapter in 1865 and 1885, respectively.

Four new Chapters were instituted, and one constituted. The indiscriminate issue of rituals to Past High Priests being brought to his notice, he penned a circular to all concerned, reminding them of the resolution confining the number to three for each Chapter.

He decided that a Chapter dimit, by itself, is not sufficient to establish the claim of the holder to be a Royal Arch Mason; also, that loss of the left hand is not a barrier to advancement, and that there is no "short form" for opening or closing a Chapter.

He recommended that the Obituaries Committee, like that on Correspondence, be reduced to one member.

Perhaps from the fact that there was little to narrate, the district visiting officers' reports were commendably brief.

The Grand Secretary notified Grand Chapter that, by reason of age and infirmity, the venerable and beloved Companion, John M. Pearson, was unable to be present at this convocation, and Grand Chapter, by standing vote, expressed to him its heartfelt sympathy in his affliction, and its regrets for his absence.

The Grand Secretary's and other reports indicate a high degree of prosperity.

The Committee on Jurisprudence considered the proposed amendment increasing the salary of Grand

Secretary from eighteen hundred dollars to twenty-four hundred dollars, and recommended its adoption, to be effective from November 1, 1909. This was carried.

His usual brief review of the jurisdictions precedes Grand Secretary Warvelle's personal "Observations and Reflections." Among these is a "third paper" on the American Royal Arch, and, like its predecessor, it is a most unsatisfying product when regarded from an educational standpoint.

He opens by saying that, in his previous efforts, he has been presenting some arguments and illustrations to sustain the contention that

"the Royal Arch degree, as now conferred in the United States, is not the invention of Webb or any other American ritualist, but is a legitimate development of ancient British workings. I say British advisedly, for my own opinion is that the degree, in its essential design, is Irish and not English."

Nobody ever said that it was Webb's "invention," so far as our recollection of the controversy goes. We have seen it stated, and have so stated ourselves, that the degree was "remodelled" by the famous ritualist or his colleagues in the work of fashioning a system for the United States.

Companion Warvelle did state, however, and very emphatically, in his first paper, as follows:

"Sufficient has been cited to show that before Webb joined the fraternity the Royal Arch degree, with officers, as we now know them, was known and worked in different parts of the country, and that such degree so worked was a direct English importation."

We asked, and for two years have anxiously looked for the proof of "direct English importation." Instead, we are now favored with "my own opinion that the degree, in its essential design, is Irish, not English."

Now we are willing to concede much to Companion Warvelle's opinions, and when he expresses them on the "booze" question and other topics discussed by the man in the street, we incline to enjoyable agreement. It is

another matter altogether when he essays to instruct his Companions on matters of history. Neither glittering generalities, innuendo nor caustic humor can cover the hard fact that accuracy, based on authentic evidence, is alone worth consideration in dealing with that subject.

The lightning change from "direct English importation" to Irish origin makes it clear enough that "personal opinion" rests upon a very fragile basis, as indeed it must always do under such circumstances.

The quotation from Dr. Dassigny's pamphlet of 1744, already reproduced under this heading, goes far to explode any such reckless deliverance. Like him, we are desirous for "the ascertainment of truth." He has stated that the Royal Arch degree, with officers as we now know them, was a direct importation from England." We asked him courteously for proof of this. He has not furnished it. Why?

A prisoner at the sessions had been duly convicted, when it was discovered, on "proving previous convictions," that he had actually been in prison at the time the offence was committed. "Why didn't you say so?" asked the judge of the prisoner, angrily. "Your honor, I was afraid of prejudicing the jury against me."

Henry H. Montgomery, Carrollton, Grand High Priest.

George W. Warvelle, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Indiana

Chapters . . 114.

Members . . 13,207.

The Representatives of one hundred and twelve of the one hundred and fourteen chartered Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana were present at the Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation in the City of Indianapolis, on Wednesday afternoon, the 20th of October, 1909.

Thirty-three Grand Representatives answered to the roll call, among whom, as usual, was Canada's faithful envoy, M. E. Comp. Thomas R. Marshall.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana was opened in ample form by Robert M. H. Britton, M. E. Grand High Priest, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Samuel L. Shirley, Grand Chaplain.

Just a couple of days previously, the Masons of Indiana were shocked to learn that Jacob W. Smith, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and Past Grand High Priest, had died suddenly.

"This distinguished Companion, whom none knew but to love, a man whose sweet disposition and integrity were pronounced characteristics. As a ritualist in all Masonic bodies, he had no superior. He had served in nearly every official capacity in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, attained the distinction of the thirty-third degree in the Scottish Rite, and served as Grand High Priest, 1890 to 1891."

In the previous April the venerable Grand Guard, E. Companion Roger Parry, was called away, and thus the fraternal chain of the official circle was further broken.

Three Past Grand High Priests, Companions Rees J. Chestnutwood, Simeon S. Johnson and Philemon H. Clugston, "jewels bright in the firmament of Royal Arch Masonry," had also gone to their eternal rest. Death exacted heavy tribute from Indiana during the period, and fraternal sympathy is extended.

The veteran, Companion Chestnutwood, died in his 93rd year. Companion Johnson had ruled in all the Masonic bodies, and for many years conducted the Correspondence feature of Grand Chapter. Companion Clugston, beloved generally, was a victim of consumption.

The Grand High Priest opened his address with an appropriate text. Among his many official actions of the year was the recalling of a commission issued to a Nevada Companion, authorizing him to represent Indiana in that jurisdiction. This was done at the request of Nevada's G. H. P., for the reason that the representative, by his continued absence from the convocations of his own Grand Chapter, failed to "represent" the Grand Chapter that had honored him.

Grand Secretary Prather reported Grand Chapter in a healthy and prosperous condition. The Chapters were prompt because they were equipped with efficient secretaries. Four thousand dollars' worth of investments having matured, the same was loaned to Grand Lodge at so much per, a "gilt-edged" security. The net increase in membership was 503.

The Grand Inspector visited 113 out of 114 of the Chapters. The odd one had no work to inspect. His report was an excellent one.

"Most of the Chapters are making an effort to confer the degrees in such a manner as to leave a good impression on the minds of the candidates; eliminating all rough usage and levity, and forming and maintaining the L. A. in a proper manner."

Boys will be boys, but there are other places than the Chapter for exuberant spirits. The Grand High Priest, in closing his address, said:

"My zeal for this great Institution; my earnest desire for more Masonic work, prompted me to write the report on Foreign Correspondence, our M. E. Companion Johnson, chairman of that committee for so many years, having been taken from us by death. Being in possession of about fifteen Grand Chapter Proceedings at that time, I deemed it wise and prudent to perform that duty myself. I did the work without hope of fee or reward."

And he did it well; and even if it is brief and of the staccato variety, his Companions should be grateful for his timely and voluntary aid. Referring to Canada's action in conferring past rank, he asks, "Why not give him the *real thing*, if he deserves it?"

Well, that he deserved it goes without saying; and to give him the real thing would be just as easy, if he didn't have to journey a trifle of three thousand miles to attend the Convocations. Companion Britton will realize that a matter of seventy-two miles is easier of accomplishment.

Noticing that Florida ruled in favor of remitting fees to clergymen, he warningly ejaculates:

"My reverend brethren of Florida, please do not accept of this generosity. It is not a square deal between you and your other brethren."

But then they won't see it—his word of "caution" we mean. Let us cherish a hope, therefore, that our "reverend brethren" will listen to the still, small voice that whispers under the clerical "westkit" as elsewhere. His closing is modest:

"We have tried (cautiously, understand) to do the best we could under the circumstances, and we do hope that you will find some few things that will interest and please you. We have not attempted to dictate what a Grand Chapter or Companion should do or should not do, as we believe that a reviewer's duty is not to dictate, but to report the actual circumstances, as we all differ in our manners and customs."

The Florida parsons will take heart after that, and even the Texas man may pause to consider the injunction to "repent." We extend a cordial welcome to Comp. Britton, and with it is observed that his Companions recognized a good thing and kept him on the job.

Chas. M. Worden, Peru, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Iowa

Chapters . . 128.

Members . . 11005.

One vacant chair there was at the opening of Iowa's Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation at Davenport on the 7th October, 1909. In the previous May Grand Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Samuel R. J. Hoyt, beloved of all his Companions, was called to his reward. Past Grand Treasurer Herbert C. Shadbolt, whose failing health compelled him to relinquish office in 1907, was another faithful worker whose death was deplored.

There were shining lights in Masonry at this Convocation, General Grand High Priest Dyas and the Grand P. S. of that august body, Companion F. W. Craig.

The Grand High Priest gave them a cordial greeting, and in acknowledging same, M. E. Companion Dyas made some interesting remarks, among others

"The use of the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, and which you have recently adopted, is not obligatory on any Grand Chapter, or subordinate Chapter, except those Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, is now in use in seventeen Grand Jurisdictions, and is the ritual more in use than any other."

There were other distinguished Companions present, and Companion Dr. Thos. P. C. Barnard, Iowa's representative in New York, wired his ardent wishes for peace and harmony. That they enjoyed the latter was amply demonstrated, for among the constellations introduced was M. E. Companion Amos H. Alberson, who held the lefty position of Grand Commander of Iowa's K. T's., and who replied in his usual happy manner. Amos, being a singer of note, was called upon to warble to the Grand Chapter. He complied by rendering the song entitled the "Man of Gallilee."

"Music hath charms." The Companions were soothed and all was peace.

Grand High Priest Louis Block had a good deal to say, and he said it well. Masonry's mission he lauded with no weakening voice and drew comparisons in eloquent terms from the depths of the ocean to the dizzy altitude of the Salvation Army.

Congratulations on the increased activity of the Chapters he lavished on the Companions, who did the official visiting on his behalf, as "unfortunate conflicting professional engagements" compelled him to do that duty by proxy.

He did a good work in having prepared a comprehensive index to the Masonic code.

"It is not so much to know the law as to know where to find it," and intimated that there should not be a single subject, topic, or thought in the new edition of the Constitution and Laws that was not mentioned under its proper head in the index."

Its promulgation he followed up with an official circular to the High Priests and secretaries, requiring them within thirty days to read a copy of it from end to end and to sign and mail, within thirty days from the receipt of the order, a certificate that he had done so.

He also warned those Chapter officers that thereafter no inquiries concerning Capitular law would be answered unless the Chapter requesting such information should forward with its request a certificate, under seal, signed by either its High Priest or its secretary, certifying that he had made a careful search of the Constitution and Laws and had been unable to find therein the information desired.

That did the business. And now every Chapter possesses one or more properly qualified lawyers, and the Grand High Priest is sheltered from the slings and arrows of information-seeking subordinates.

He declined to grant to a Chapter of fifty-eight members a dispensation to hold over an election of officers, because seven of the fifty-eight wanted to attend a Shrine meeting. Next!

Referring to the adoption of the General Grand's ritual he complained that there was practically nothing left of the old P. M. Poor old fellow. Some of the Chapters, he said, "clung" to the old work, and he doesn't appear to blame them, suggesting that the former Iowa work might be revived, "with some of its objectionable features" eliminated. This, however, did not appeal to the Committee.

Stern measures, and drastic, he urged in dealing with delinquent members and weak Chapters. He instanced one of the latter which was dragging out a miserable existence, and recommended that it should be promptly "Oslerized."

He paid merited tribute to the work and worth of Grand Secretary Wingate. The latter presented a very exhaustive and interesting report, in which he refers to the calling in of old rituals, stating that certain works of the Chapter prepared by the Custodians were burned, "together with one hundred and fifty-seven copies of the Hindoo."

No word of the ceremonies attending the pyre. He reported a net increase of 436.

Under the heading, uncollected dues, the "Committee on Chartered Chapters" made the following remarkable suggestion, which practically keeps the Secretary continually in office as a "walking collector:"

"We would suggest that the Chapters procure each year a roster of its membership, alphabetically arranged. That the Secretary keep one and place after each name, in pencil or ink, the amount of the dues to January 1st following, and as he meets the Companions call their attention to the amount due and collect it; then check the name. By keeping such a roster for ready reference the Secretary can know at any time how each Companion stands. We believe adopting this would be practical and one of the means of reducing the amount of uncollected dues."

According to the record, the above was adopted. Now the secretaries will doubtless have a word to say on the matter.

A report on Correspondence of sterling value is presented by M. E. Comp. W. F. Cleveland, and as an "illustrated" review is unsurpassed. He is apparently impressed by Canada's possibilities, which he remarks "is forging ahead with giant strides, promising to distance most of the Grand Chapters of this country, and soon vie with the largest jurisdictions in membership. It will be well to keep our eyes on Canada."

"This Grand Jurisdiction covers all of Canada west of the Ottawa river, comprising an area of 2,500,000 square miles, embracing British Columbia, in which there still exists one Chapter which is not in obedience to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, but holds its warrant from a Grand Chapter across the seas. Will the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland never realize that the course they have pursued in relation to Chapters that they may have established in their colonies has had a tendency to retard the growth of Capitular Masonry in those foreign parts?"

He observes that the Grand Z. "very properly" refused permission for Royal Arch Masons to appear at a funeral in Chapter regalia.

Coming from such a source his kind words of the writer's work are much appreciated. Talking of dependent membership legislation with the Maine reporter, he

regards it as "a very much needed regulation." Well, perhaps it is, under conditions as experienced in the United States. Necessity for such drastic regulation has apparently not revealed itself outside of that country. Grand bodies of the mother country for instance would as soon think of establishing a Spanish Inquisition, and the brother with temerity enough to propose enacting a dependent membership law would enjoy a sultry half hour. Closing the discussion he rightly remarks:

"To be consistent every Grand Chapter that has not adopted the plan of 'dependent membership' should allow their subordinate Chapters to receive petitions for the Chapter degrees from unaffiliated Master Masons to make their laws consistent at least."

And while a dependent membership advocate, he pauses at Minnesota to pay tribute to that jurisdiction's consistency:

"We are pleased to learn that the laws of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota regarding membership in the Lodge are at least consistent. Never having adopted the principles of 'dependent membership' they do not require a petitioner for the Chapter degrees to be an affiliated Master Mason. Nearly if not quite all of the Grand Chapters that have not incorporated into the laws provisions requiring continued membership in Lodge to retain membership in the Chapter do require that a petitioner must be an affiliated Master Mason at the time his petition is received, and can dimit from the Lodge immediately after exaltation. This is the inconsistency that we called attention to in our last year's report. We are glad that Minnesota does not come under this criticism."

Noting the regretted retirement of Companion Stevenson of Missouri from the Correspondence field, he has something pertinent to say as to the difficulties encountered by the reporter.

"The extreme dearth of material upon which to build a really readable report for our Royal Arch Chapter Companions taxes the fertile brain of the very best Masonic writers."

Whatever may be the tribulations of the reviewer elsewhere, Iowa's fertility is inexhaustible. Companion Cleveland's valuable compilation we perused with pleasure and lay it down with regret that we can afford to

quote so little. In the interesting biography of the outgoing Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Louis Block, the writer says: "It has come to be a trite saying that 'of all that's good, Iowa produces the best,'" and so far as the report on Correspondence goes we are in hearty accord. Taking leave of him we beg to express a word of satisfaction at the well merited chastisement he administers to the "rather fresh" ruler of Wisconsin, who "rushed in" to abusively criticize the reportorial corps and their unselfish labors.

Geo. W. Ball, Iowa City, Grand High Priest.

Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

General Grand Chapter

From a recent address to the Grand Chapter of Iowa General Grand High Priest Dyas explained succinctly the mission and objects of this august body, which he stated was organized in 1797 by committees representing three Chapters located in Massachusetts and New York. "Its original object evidently was to issue charters for Chapters in unoccupied territory, which is evidenced by the fact that most all the old Chapters in the then western country obtained their first charters from the national body. Three chartered Chapters in a state or territory have the privilege of forming a Grand Chapter, with the consent of the parent body, and with the exception of Utah Grand Chapters are now established in every state and territory, so that there only now remain eight Chapters in Utah and one Chapter each in Honolulu, Manila, Valparaiso, Shanghai, San Juan, Havana, and Alaska—fifteen in all, immediately subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. There are now forty-six Grand Chapters within its jurisdiction, representing a total membership of nearly three hundred thousand Royal Arch Masons."

"The General Grand Chapter fifty years ago relinquished all supervision and disciplinary powers over Grand Chapters, and since that time has simply been an

advisory body as to Grand Chapters—settling disputes between Grand Chapters should they be submitted—and deciding questions of Capitular law whenever such questions are presented.”

A pamphlet issued by the General Grand Secretary furnishes a brief report of the Thirty-fourth Triennial Convocation, held on November 10-12, in Savannah, Ga. It was characterized by a large attendance of representatives, and with the utmost harmony. Forty of the forty-six Grand Chapters of its jurisdiction were represented, and seven of the nine subordinate Chapters of its obedience. Eighty-five Past Grand High Priests, hailing from thirty of the Grand Chapters and of the permanent membership of the General Grand Chapter, were also present.

“The courtesies usual on such occasions were tendered to the members of the General Grand Chapter, and the ladies accompanying them, under the auspices of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia, supplemented with the valued assistance of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, whose committees—consisting of ladies and gentlemen—kindly, fraternally and warmly welcomed their guests, and made the receptions, the excursions to various points of interest, and the banquet never-to-be-forgotten memories of a most enjoyable occasion.”

Indianapolis was selected as the next place of meeting—in 1912—the time, the second Wednesday of September.

Nathan Kingsley, Austin, Minn., General Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, General Grand Secretary.

Ireland

A leaflet announcing the Grand officers for 1909 and other small details is about all one can learn of this old Grand Chapter.

The Duke of Abercorn and Sir James Creed Meredith, Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, are respectively Grand King and Deputy Grand King of the Grand Chapter.

The stated Convocations of the Grand Chapter are held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, July and November.

The Royal Arch Board of General Purposes meets at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the Friday preceding each Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The Royal Arch Committee of Inspection meet on the third Monday in each month, excepting August. This committee scrutinizes the applications of candidates.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction meets at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the third Thursday in January, February, March, April, October and November.

The Treasurer's statement shows a cash balance of £216 8s. 2d. and investments of £2,300.

Constituent Chapters number, according to the published list, 195, contributing some £580 to the treasury.

Three warrants were issued, one restored and one surrendered.

A couple of dozen delinquents in dues, all but one from "the black North," were "stricken from the roll," not suspended.

There is nothing else to satisfy the news-gatherer, and Ireland is not worrying over his difficulties to any alarming extent.

The Duke of Abercorn, Grand King.

Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin, Grand Registrar.

Kansas

Chapters . . 89.

Members . . 7929.

M. E. Comp. Bestor G. Brown, General Grand Master of the Third Veil of the General Grand Chapter, was escorted "to the East of the sanctuary," where he was officially received by the M. E. Grand High Priest, saluted with the grand honors, and invited to occupy a seat in the East.

That was the striking event at the opening of the Forty-fourth Annual Convocation at Wichita, on the 15th February, 1909. There is no escaping the penalty of greatness.

The death of the Grand Sentinel was the only break in the official ranks. The Grand High Priest, Augustus O. Wellman, paid a nice tribute to the memory of good Companion Spencer Pitman Wade.

The G. H. P. made a resolve, "as others have done before," to accept every invitation to visit.

"Like many a good resolution, made in the heat and zeal of gratitude, this one went a glimmering. But few, if any of us, are perfect masters of our time."

He recommended that the antique decorations worn by the officers should be replaced by something more distinctive and up-to-date.

Dilatory secretaries engaged a little of his attention. He pointed out that a date was specified as a limit for sending in Chapter returns. Another regulation was to the effect that no Chapter could be represented which had not sent in returns and paid its fees. He urged that there were many who delayed complying with these requirements until the eve of Grand Chapter, and thus secured representation without giving the Grand Secretary sufficient time to include them in his statement. He recommended that the specified date be also the limit to entitle to representation. This was ratified, and now procrastinating scribes will have to move earlier.

The Grand Secretary submitted a voluminous illustrated report, detailing the work done towards remodeling the system in his office.

Western Australia's Grand Chapter was accorded fraternal recognition.

Comp. Matthew M. Miller, P.G.H.P., is the successor to Comp. Shaver in the Correspondence arena, and his "initial effort" should, as he hopes for it, be received with pleased welcome by his Companions. It is compiled much on the usual lines, and he does not fail to venture an opinion where it properly fitted in. A generous review of Canada for 1908 is included.

Noting England's action in chartering Chapters to be "attached" to Lodges, he says:

"Capitular Masonry is so thoroughly organized and so firmly established in the United States that few Chapter Masons now realize, or are acquainted with the fact that the same usage once prevailed in this country.

"In fact, chapter work was done under lodge warrant alone without any authority from any capitular organization, further than the ability of the one able to confer the degree. In fact during the nineteenth century, within our own memory, it was the custom in masonic lodges, after they had been formally 'closed,' for the brethren to remain, and, under the leadership of some one of their number, to confer upon those not initiated numbers of degrees then called 'masonic side degrees,' one of which, often conferred by the writer, was then and perhaps is now doing duty in a sword and feathered society not connected with Masonry."

Old customs have not died out even yet. The Chapter, though a distinct organization now, is still tied to the lodge by modern legislation.

Observing a Georgia decision, expelling from "all Capitular rights and privileges" three unfortunates s.n.p.d., he pauses in surprise.

"We trust there was something more than appears in the above record to justify the action. It savors too much of commercialism. Exclusion by the suspension route—leaving open a door of hope—accomplishes the same purpose practically. To what good is the further action?"

Probably saves them from a worse fate. It is not improbable that the present day "advance" in legislation is only preparing the way for the "thumbscrew" and the "rack." Such criminals must be terrorized into disgorging. The future holds great possibilities in the way of improving methods for extracting coin. This is the age when we are expected to develop the practice of those truly Masonic ornaments, "benevolence and charity," in a twentieth century manner, the effete usages and customs of antiquity to the contrary.

Most heartily do we welcome Companion Miller within the circle.

Thos. G. Fitch, Wichita, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky

Chapters .. 92.

Members .. 6820.

The printed proceedings of this fine old jurisdiction for 1908 is furnished with a handsomely framed portrait of Companion Geo. A. Lewis, who, as M. E. Grand High Priest, ably presided over the deliberations of the Ninety-first Annual Convocation at Louisville on the 20th October.

Among those whose familiar faces were missed was the Grand Sentinel, Comp. Erdmann, who died in the previous May.

The Grand High Priest visited Covington Chapter in February, and was so much struck by the "elegant style" and "dramatic effect" of the R. A. degree, as exemplified by its officers, that he invited them to attend Grand Chapter at Louisville and show that body how it should be done. They must have justified the good opinion of the G. H. P., for their expenses were ordered to be paid, by a unanimous vote.

The locating of rituals in the several Chapters gave him some uneasiness. They seem to have been "distributed promiscuously among the members of the Chap-

ters, no record being kept, and not the slightest effort being made to keep track of or recover them when lost."

Nice state of affairs, truly! He recommended a code of regulations to bring the responsible parties to time.

He had been watching the Chapter methods, and made notes.

"I can not too strongly urge upon you the necessity of the greatest care in the selection of your Secretaries. Don't, I beg of you, take any one you can get, but select the very best member of your Chapter for the position. Exalt the office and keep him in it, for he is the most important officer you have. Having been brought into close touch with the Chapters during the year, I have been made painfully aware what very careless and inattentive Companions are serving some of you in that capacity."

He decided that the presiding officer in a P. M. Lodge was the only one entitled to hang his hat on the traditional peg.

He was asked whether a petition could be accepted and acted upon in the case of a Master Mason who had lost both his limbs before receiving the Master's degree, and now being supplied with artificial limbs, desires to become a member of the Chapter. He replied that,

"As the brother has safely passed the test in the Blue Lodge, his maim does not interfere materially with his becoming a Chapter member, but the Chapter being in position to best judge, should be able to settle that question for itself."

And no doubt it did. A trifling matter like the loss of both limbs is immaterial. It's the "material" the Chapter is after. By the way, is not describing the loss and the substitute as "limbs" rather indefinite?

He advocated an alliance with the Cryptic degrees on the lines followed by Texas, and by mutual agreement a joint committee of the two rites had met in advance of Annual Convocation to discuss the matter and prepare a report.

"I trust our distinguished Companions who are also paid mileage and per diem by the Grand Lodge will not be influenced even a little by the double pay that may be enjoyed by the crush during Grand Lodge week."

See them blush! Playful insinuations like the above are apt to jar the sensitive bosom. Influence? Perish the thought.

He assigned Chapters to grand officers and others, with a view to their thorough inspection, taking the lion's share himself, a duty he rigidly carried out.

"Nineteen of the inspectors performed the duty assigned them; eleven paid no attention to the circulars sent them, and two could not secure dates for their visits; three Grand Officers asked to be excused."

He reveals in the following a condition of affairs in Kentucky that we trust is not duplicated there or elsewhere.

"Finally, my Companions, it has been publicly stated, made a matter of jest, and flaunted in my face, that a resident of a section of this State where lawlessness has to some extent prevailed, was called from his home in the dead hour of night, and to save himself from the lash made use of a Masonic sign, which was recognized by one of the masked marauders, who prevented the shame and disgrace being put upon him. For the honor of Masonry, I sincerely trust this is not true, for I am loth to believe that any man who has knelt at a Masonic altar could so far forget himself as to bring dishonor upon this ancient and honorable institution by resorting to the methods of the midnight assassin to right a wrong, either real or imaginary."

Comp. W. W. Clarke submitted a review of sister jurisdictions which is very much more extract than it is Clarke, more's the pity. He culls judiciously, and where he introduces himself, he is modestly brief. Canada's jubilee proceedings interested him to the extent of a couple of pages.

Comp. Schultz, of Maryland, having asked the age of Comp. Thomas Todd, Kentucky's venerable historian, the reporter furnishes this brief but interesting item of information:

"Companion Todd was 87 years old December 1, 1907, and is remarkably strong and vigorous. A remarkable fact in connection with Brother Todd's Masonic history, and one that we suspect is unique, is that he has not missed a communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky since the first that he attended over

sixty-one years ago. He first attended the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at its Communication in 1846, and has been present at every subsequent meeting."

Companion Clarke is apparently one of that valiant minority who wields a lance in defence of the inalienable rights of the unaffiliate.

"We feel tolerably sure of our footing when sustained by so able a Masonic jurist as Companion Schultz. On more than one question are we in accord, but particularly is it gratifying to find him contending for the recognition by the Craft of the distinction between membership in a Masonic Lodge and membership only in the Order, and that the legislation of Masonic bodies should recognize the distinction; and we are cheered by his expression of the altruistic hope that efforts honestly exerted in a just cause will, in time, bear fruit."

But then Masonry on this continent is in the hands of the Masonic reformer, and he is modelling it to suit modern requirements. He is the great advocate of "progressiveness," and he is progressing so effectively that in a comparatively brief time what we know as "ancient Freemasonry" will be but a memory.

We are fain to believe, after a long course of observation, that much of this reform had its origin with many poorly-read, illy-informed, but otherwise sincere, well-meaning brethren, who being lifted to positions of responsibility or rulership, realized that they were called upon not only to look wise, but to be wise. They were asked to decide knotty questions, to explain matters that they probably had never heard of previously, and in order to maintain the dignity of the position to which they had attained without qualifying, were compelled to "assume the virtue" which neither education nor experience had provided them with.

The unfortunately-selected word, "suspension," is responsible for much of the misunderstanding of what true Masonic fraternity means. The word has invariably been associated with something offensive, something disgraceful, and as a matter of fact, when applied in connection with failure to pay dues is sadly misplaced. Those dues a brother pays for privileges which a par-

ticular lodge gives, just as a club member receives, as a *quid pro quo* for an annual fee, the exclusiveness and privacy which the institution affords. In either case non-payment is followed by a deprivation of those privileges, but not, in the one, from the rights which he acquired at initiation as a member of the fraternity at large, nor his standing as a member of the community in the other.

The ancient regulations did not insist that membership in a particular lodge was necessary to good standing in the fraternity. The brother stricken from the roll because he allowed himself to drop into arrears was as much a Mason and member of the broad fraternity as he who paid his "quarterages" to the particular little unit of the brotherhood called a lodge.

In those days, too, the candidate for Freemasonry paid for his being "made a Mason," his subsequent membership in a lodge being a purely voluntary act, brought about by his own, approved, request. The "reformer" has done away with that free-will privilege by coercing him into lodge membership simultaneously with his admission.

Dues are necessary to maintain a lodge, and it is the members of that lodge who enjoy its privileges to whom the demand is made. If they do not meet that demand, they are deprived of membership and "that's all there is to it."

Although the old charges have it that "every brother *ought* to belong to a lodge," a charge with which all good Masons will agree, the payment of dues is not, according to Dr. Mackay, "a general Masonic duty, in which the Mason is affected to the whole of the Craft, but an arrangement between himself and his lodge, *with which the Grand Lodge ought not to interfere*." That writer further said:

"As the payment of dues is not a duty owing to the Craft in general, so the non-payment of them is not an offence against the Craft, but simply against the Lodge, the only punishment for which should be striking from the roll or discharge from membership. It is now the almost universal opinion of Masonic jurists

that suspension or expulsion from the Order is a punishment that should never be inflicted for non-payment of dues."

"He is the free man whom the truth makes free."

Laban T. Everett, Catlettsburg, Grand High Priest.

Henry B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

1909.

In the new Masonic Temple, at Louisville, the Companions assembled on October 19, 1909, for the Ninety-second Annual, and mourned the passing of their oldest Past Grand High Priest, Thomas Todd, who died in his 89th year on the 29th April previously.

Grand High Priest Laban T. Everett in his address to Grand Chapter referred to deceased in loving terms, stating that Companion Todd had served in the Third Kentucky infantry during the Mexican war and was Master of the army lodge connected with his regiment.

The G. H. P. arrived at the impression that Kentucky's system of Chapter inspection was not what it should be and advised a change. One new Chapter which immortalizes the name of the Grand Secretary was started auspiciously.

The Grand Secretary touched on the ritual difficulty, saying: "Although the present law might be amended so as to meet the requirements, more in harmony with the wishes of a few, and acquiesced in by many, I suggest that it would be better to 'suffer the evils which we have than fly to others that we know not of.'"

He further recommended that the little furniture possessed by Grand Chapter, together with the bound volumes of proceedings, be given to the Grand Lodge library as something towards an acknowledgment of the free quarters enjoyed by Grand Chapter for so many years.

It was resolved to donate five thousand dollars to the Old Masons Home under certain conditions.

It was further recommended that Grand Chapter request the Board of Directors of the Old Masons Home to provide for the wives of those brethren who, by misfortune become inmates of the home, by "allowing them to accompany their husbands and live with them in the Home as the wards of the Fraternity, to the end that each may be a comfort to the other in declining years and that the Fraternity put not asunder what God hath joined together."

There are at present in the above institution twenty inmates, and in the Widows' and Orphans' Home 146 boys, 116 girls and 20 widows.

A Committee introduced Companion B. G. Witt, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, who was received with Grand Honors.

There are now 95 Chapters on the roll, with a total membership of 7,311.

Companion W. W. Clarke's report of "The Doings of Grand Chapters" is again a faithful review of the sister jurisdictions, in which he injects some good, personal and pertinent comment. He has a favorable notice of Canada for 1909. Observing under New Mexico that the Grand Chapter there provided a code of by-laws for subordinate Chapters he very justly denounces such interference.

"We confess to a belief that it is neither wise or Masonic to strip the subordinate bodies of every vestige of their ancient rights; and we sincerely deplore the tendency to do that very thing."

And quoting the lamented Companion Cunningham of Ohio on the eagerness to enact arbitrary legislation against the non-affiliate, he ventures an opinion which rings true:

"Could the Masonic law makers be induced to distinguish between membership in the Order—the original Masonic status—and membership in the lodge, a part of the difficulty would, we are persuaded, be overcome. Most Masons, however, are myopic—when looking backward."

G. Allison Halland, Lexington, Grand High Priest.

Henry B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana

Chapters . . 30.

Members . . 2687.

The Rev. C. C. Kramer was appropriately the Grand High Priest when the Sixty-second Annual Convocation assembled in New Orleans on the 2nd February, 1909.

During the year the inevitable call came to Comp. Littleton C. Allen, the Grand Scribe, who had also served as Grand Master of the State in 1906.

"As a member of the City Council of Shreveport, he was enabled to render much valuable municipal service. Believing strongly in prohibition as the best corrective of the drinking habit, he was engaged in the anti-saloon fight when his life came to its earthly close."

The Grand High Priest, among other permissions, granted his authority to a Chapter to hold a "public" installation of its officers. Yet we hear from other sources that the Royal Arch is the one branch of the Masonic institution that never shows itself to the profane. The G. H. P. gave the function his personal countenance, and delivered a public address on Masonry to quite a large audience of Crowley people. "The refectations prepared by the ladies were all that heart and palate could desire."

"My criticism of our Order is this. we do nothing to impress our capitular degrees on the candidate. They are rushed through the work and sometimes receive the entire four degrees at one convocation. The profound and useful lessons, to be taught by the degrees, are entirely lost. Large numbers of our Royal Arch Masons never appear in the Chapter again, and are only known as such by the keystone that they are permitted to wear."

He recommended a period between each degree and a strict examination afterwards. Perhaps if some of that strict enquiry were exercised before acting on the petition it might be discovered what the applicant's objective was, and measures to curb a hasty enthusiasm might result in much benefit to the individual, and incidentally to the organization.

He ventured some strong opinions on the ritual employed by Louisiana.

"Personally I must express my preference for the work of the General Grand Chapter. I believe, however, in being wisely conservative as well as intelligently progressive. I do not wish to commit the sin of sacrilege by flying in the face of traditions which are esteemed as "hallowed" and "sacred." Yet, with all due deference to those who contend for the Louisiana work, I must expose the weakness of their arguments. They object to cypher and yet write most of their work out in full, faintly at times disguising the sacramental secrets. But it is said these written copies are only for the use of the Committee on Work and the Grand Lecturers, and are locked up securely when not in use; yet death has removed one of our beloved Companions who possessed this precious treasure, and it is now lost, possibly in the hands of a profane."

The Grand Secretary reported a net gain of 174, and had a word of commendation for the remarkable promptness of the Chapter secretaries.

A resolution was submitted and adopted, to the effect that in the case of Representatives appointed to this Grand Chapter who have not been present for three consecutive years, the Grand Secretary is to report such absent Companions to the respective Grand Chapters which they represent, so that new Representatives may be appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priests of said Grand Chapters.

Rev. Comp. Duncan is again the compiler of the Correspondence report. He briefly reviewed Canada for 1907. Like him, we experienced regret that Louisiana's volume did not reach us, for it is looked for annually with much interest.

In view of the Grand High Priest's expressions on ritual, Comp. Duncan's opinions of the General Grand's work, and its position in regard to same, are interesting. Under Mississippi, he says:

"It is notorious that, in many particulars, the work of the General Grand Chapter is new and not ancient. What does the present proposition of Mississippi mean? Is it a request that the General Grand Chapter return to the ancient work? Or is it a request for further innovation? A change in the work necessarily means one or the other of these two things.

"As we understand it the General Grand Chapter when it adopted a work did so for the Chapters under its immediate charter and proffered it as suggestive to the several Grand Chapters, and that there was no thought of enforcing its adoption upon the constituent Grand Chapters.

"If we go a step further we shall find that the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter expressly forbids the attempt by it to exercise any doubtful powers or any not expressly nominated in the bond, and that, in the matter of ritual, its powers were expressly limited to a preservation of the ancient work. We take it that any innovation in the work on the part of the General Grand Chapter was *ultra vires*, and, consequently, binding upon no one."

"Louisiana has its own work, and it is the ancient work of the fathers. It proposes to retain it and have no other, and in this our conscience is clear, and we feel—aye, we know—that we are in no sense violating our obligations to the General Grand Chapter. If we did, or it was shown that, in the opinion of our sister Grand Chapters, we were so doing, we would in all probability withdraw from the General Grand Chapter."

The review is an entertaining and instructive one throughout. Grand Chapter will, as formerly, meet in New Orleans in February next.

Gus D. Levy, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.

Richd. Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine

Chapters . . 62.

Members . . 9204.

In Portland, on the 4th May, 1909, the Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation was opened "in full and ample form" at 7 o'clock p.m. by Comp. Franklin R. Redlon, M.E. Grand High Priest, who was supported by his full staff of officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-five Grand Representatives, and 104 representatives of fifty-five of the fifty-nine chartered Chapters. The G. H. P. said:

"I find the Chapters in this State in a most prosperous condition; we now number, in Chapters and Companions, the largest in our history, all working in harmony and with very little variation in either floor or ritualistic work, due, I am convinced,

to the loyal and painstaking efforts of the officers, and in consequence of the system of the regular inspection of each Chapter in the Jurisdiction at least once a year."

Three applications for new Chapters were received by him. Two of them he referred to Grand Chapter.

He recommended the travelling card for visitation purposes and suggested that the regular diploma might be utilized for wall decoration. The card idea will come up next year.

From the inspecting officer's reports it would appear that public installations are not uncommon in Maine. Apart from that, the working of the Chapters was most favorably commented on, some of them reaching a degree of perfection truly remarkable. The reports are very interesting reading, and one ceases to wonder at the degree of excellence attained with such a keen spirit of emulation under vigilant inspection.

There was very little of a startling nature to engage Grand Chapter. All was peace in Maine. The Grand High Priest was continued in office, and next Annual Convocation will again be held in Portland.

Comp. Herbert Harris continues to ably instruct his Companions through the medium of an excellent Correspondence report. Five of his valuable pages he devoted to Canada for 1909, and he thinks well of us. Noticing the brief report of the Grand Lecturer, he remarks:

"It would seem that, with its exceedingly efficient corps of Superintendents, Canada does not need a Grand Lecturer as a visiting officer, but only as a custodian of the ritual and an instructor of the Superintendents. That is our Maine plan."

Nevertheless the value of the Grand Lecturer's duties is not to be hidden under a bushel. The advice submitted last year has been accepted and that officer's presence at a number of Chapters of Instruction has this year had most beneficial results.

Like ourselves, he regards with small favor the compulsory membership legislation which has had a lament-

able growth in the Grand Chapters of the United States in recent years. The Alabama Companion had referred to our "hammering" at the innovation, and Companion Harris adds:

"I hope he will not lay aside that hammer; it hits the nail on the head every time."

His kind invitation to look him up at Portland in May is hereby acknowledged. In that merry month, however, we were preparing to "take our walk abroad" for a little distance in an opposite direction. The fraternal sincerity of intention, however, is appreciated to the full, and we will feel less compunction than formerly in stealing his admirable statistical compilation.

The Texan reporter had invited him to visit the Lone Star paradise, where it was promised that they would ensure his future bliss and end his existence as a bachelor by mating him with a Southern belle.

"It sounds very tempting; but, after all, if it means that my entrance to that 'future bliss' would follow immediately, I am not sure but I sympathize with the small boy in Sunday School who did not raise his hand when the superintendent asked all to do so who wanted to go to heaven.

"'What!' said the speaker, 'doesn't that little boy want to go to heaven?'

"'N-no sir, not yit!'"

His concluding remarks on the progressivists and their methods are excellent. Of course the enthusiastic pleaders for the infant principle will see nothing in them, and as he says:

"On certain topics the hope of convincing one's opponents is very faint; and yet it is well at intervals to give renewed expression to our principles, in order that our fellow-believers may know that we hold to the faith of our fathers.

"We still hear resounding talk about 'progressive Masonry,' and one is reminded of a story told a few years ago by the Templar correspondent, of Iowa, which is good enough for Maine Royal Arch Masons to read; although, told as it now is from memory, it may not read as well as when told by him. The story goes that a ship's captain had put Pat in charge of the wheel, directing him to steer so many points off from the North Star. Pat got careless and lost the star, so he shouted to the

captain to 'come and pick me out another.' 'Didn't I give you your course by the North Star?' asked the captain. 'Yis, sor,' said Pat, 'but, sure, we've sailed clean by that one!'"

"Sometimes our progressive friends seem to have lost sight of some star by which we all ought to be guided, and perhaps they think the Masonic ship has sailed beyond it; but it is still visible to the eyes of the old-fashioned Mason, and to him it seems safer to steer by it still.

"To the present writer, the hard and fast laws for dependent membership are among the most objectionable of these signs of 'progress.' He has no love for the non-affiliate; but, if the latter chooses to deprive himself of certain privileges, whose business is it? Granted that he frequently is an undesirable member; perhaps one who became a Mason from motives of self-interest, and has not got what he expected from the connection, or one who is disgruntled because others have been elected to office above him. It is entirely possible that both Lodge and Chapter would be better off without such a member, but that is not the point. If he is dropped from the Chapter, he is punished in the Chapter for an offence against the Lodge. If he renews his Lodge membership in order to remain in the Chapter, he is forced into the Lodge against his will, which is not only an interference with individual rights, but is very poor policy, as well; for our membership must be voluntary in order to be strong and influential.

"It must be remembered, also, that the members affected are not all 'undesirable members.' A worthy Companion may have perfectly legitimate reasons for allowing his Lodge membership to lapse, while wishing to retain his connection with his Chapter; but no, these laws apply to all alike.

"An advertisement appeared awhile ago, in a London newspaper, signed 'A Clergyman's Widow,' who styled herself 'a rigid disciplinarian,' and asked for young people to train. 'Lessons,' so much; 'corporeal punishment,' so much; 'rod furnished; visits all places.' The *application* is, perhaps, evident in this illustration of modern methods.

"The above remarks are offered by your committee with some hesitation, because he has had small experience as a Masonic writer, and he feels somewhat like a certain schoolboy whose teacher had assigned various topics to the class, with directions to think them over and deduce some lesson from them. This boy's subject was 'Zaccheus,' and this was the result of his cogitations: 'Zaccheus was a little chap, and so am I. Zaccheus was up a tree, and so am I. Zaccheus wanted to come down, and so do I!'"

Franklin R. Redlon, Portland, Grand High Priest.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Maryland

Chapters . . 22.

Members . . 3027.

Two of the old guard were summoned from mundane labor during the year. Past Grand High Priests James W. Bowers and Charles McDonald, Jr. Both were most estimable men and indefatigable Craft workers.

There was a fine representative gathering at the One hundred and eleventh Annual Convocation in the temporary Masonic quarters in Baltimore on the 19th November, 1908, with Comp. Charles E. Cochrane, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

In the previous January fire had destroyed the Masonic Temple, which had been Baltimore's pride.

"Through the usual prompt action of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Thomas J. Shryock, quarters were immediately obtained in the Old Court House Building, Lexington and North Streets, and in a most marvelous manner this building was made ready for our occupancy immediately; and it is a matter of sincere congratulation to the Fraternity in Baltimore that the meetings of the different bodies were practically not disturbed on account of the fire, but were held on the regular dates, and work resumed in all the degrees within a period of thirty days from the destruction of the Temple."

Just like Thomas J., and the G. H. P. rendered to his great services a just meed of praise. The Grand Master was even then active in the work of rebuilding, and a "grander and more beautiful" structure will soon be the home of the fraternity.

To the Grand Lecturer, Comp. Dukehart, praise was also accorded for the generally healthy condition of the Chapters, most of which were likewise visited by the G. H. P. himself.

He recommended that Past Grand High Priests should share in the "mileage" privileges enjoyed by other representatives, and also that their manly bosoms be decorated with a distinctive jewel. These the Committee endorsed.

We were delighted to observe that the veteran Companion Schultz was again to the fore with his customary entertaining report on Correspondence. He has an appreciative notice of Canada, "which has for its limits a territory nearly as large as the United States." Our jubilee proceedings were favorably reviewed, and his quotations are indicative of agreement with expressed views.

To Companion Harrison's request for information as to why Maryland's Investigating Committee reports orally on candidates for the degrees, he replies, "To safeguard the secrecy of the ballot box"; and he is quite right.

"If an unfavorable report of the Committee is made in writing, signed by them and recorded, does it not indicate pretty clearly the names of three Companions who cast unfavorable ballots? Or if, as it sometimes happens, the Committee is divided, would it not indicate how one or more of them voted? Or if you please, suppose the Committee reported unanimously favorable, and the ballot should be unfavorable, would not this disclose the names of three Companions who at least presumed did not cast unfavorable ballots? We hold that it is just as improper to know who cast favorable ballots as to know who cast unfavorable ones.

"The spreading of the secret ballots is one of the most sacred and important functions that can engage the attention of a Masonic body. It is for the purpose of determining whether or not a petitioner for admission, not into a particular Lodge, but into the great fraternity of Freemasonry, shall, or shall not, be admitted therein. It is a question to be determined by the brethren then and there present, alone. No one, not even an absent member of the Lodge, has a right to know what may have been said for or against the applicant; the result only of the ballot may be made known to those who were not present. Therefore, we hold that the character of the report of the Committee should be held as secret within the breasts of the brethren present as is the number of unfavorable ballots to be held sacred by the Master and Wardens."

We like, too, his remarks addressed to Companion R. F. Stevenson of Missouri on the question of objection to advancement in the blue lodge.

"His remarks are interesting, and to the casual reader, from the standpoint of the modern societies of the day, doubtless will seem plausible, but Freemasonry is a law unto itself, and is not to be measured, by any rules governing modern societies.

"We boast that it is not only ancient and honorable, but that it is a universal society, so far, at least, that wherever genuine Freemasonry exists it is founded upon the same principles and governed by the same general, unchangeable laws, immemorial usages and customs, to change or abrogate which is to destroy its claim to antiquity and universality, and to make innovations in the body of Freemasonry."

"Our controversy with Companion Hodson, both in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Reports, grew out of our contention that his claim that the regulations of Grand Lodges requiring that the objection to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft could only be estopped by the preferment of charges, trial and conviction by a two-third vote, is an infringement upon the rights of the individual Brother. This, we said, could be proved by No. 6 of the old regulations, usages and customs of the Fraternity for one hundred and fifty years, as well as by the ritual and ceremonial.

"Now, these allegations are either true or not true. If they are true, then it is clear to everyone that the legislation referred to is an *innovation* upon the old usages and customs of the Fraternity, and could justly be regarded as an innovation of a *landmark*."

Under Texas, noticing a Grand High Priest's statement as to the number of Grand Chapters which have adopted the dependent membership doctrine, and suggesting that even if the remainder fell into line

"It would not cause us to change our opinion, namely: that a law which deprives a Royal Arch Mason of *all his Capitular rights and privileges* because he had seen proper to withdraw his membership from his Lodge, is *unjust and un-Masonic*.

"In one of our late reports we stated that the late Companion William R. Bowen, of Nebraska, was the originator of this 'dependent membership' doctrine, and that he labored strenuously to have the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment adopt the measure, and finally succeeded in having the latter Grand Body do so, against the earnest protest of many of the ablest Masonic jurists of the country.

"Our Grand Secretary, Companion Miller, who is the Correspondent of our Grand Commandery, informs us that Sir Knight Francis E. White, the successor of Companion Bowen as Grand Recorder and Correspondent of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, is not favorable to the doctrine, and furthermore, that a number of the Templar Correspondents agree with him, and that he (Brother Miller) believes there is an opposition quietly growing towards the doctrine, and he would not be surprised to see the Grand Encampment take further and less drastic action at any time regarding this measure."

Strange that an opposition to the "doctrine" should find support in the body that first gave it tangible encouragement and has nothing to lose by continued adherence. If the movement is prompted by a conviction of its incongruity, then the Capitular champions and advocates of the law will be administered a severe rebuke. We have to learn further of the "quietly growing" opposition, however, before the present nebulous evidence can be accepted.

"We again tender our sincere acknowledgments to the Companions of the Guild for their kind and sympathetic, as well as flattering, words of commendation for our efforts. The preparation of these reports is a labor of love, which we greatly enjoy. It lightens our otherwise dark pathway through life, and kind Providence permitting, we hope to continue the work for some years longer.

A hope that is echoed from the remotest corners of this vast continent.

John W. Linthicum, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts

Chapters . . 76.

Members . . 20,818.

At the March, 1908, quarterly Grand High Priest Baalis Sanford referred with feeling to the loss the Grand Chapter had sustained in the death of its Grand Scribe, Companion Henry P. Brown, of Nantucket. He also announced with sorrow the more recent death of Companion Arthur T. Way, of Salem, who served the Grand Chapter for several years as one of its Grand Lecturers, and subsequently as Deputy Grand High Priest.

One hundred dollars was drawn from the treasury and placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest for the benefit of the widow of a deceased Companion.

In June the Companions were called upon to mourn the deaths of M. E. Companion Arthur Trueman Way, G. H. P. in 1898, and Chas. A. Welch, Deputy G. H. P. in 1867.

It was resolved that Grand Chapter express its thorough and hearty sympathy and accord with the endeavors of the Grand Lodge of Masons to establish a Masonic Home and to offer its services toward the accomplishment of this excellent measure.

At the banquet, Companion Capt. John A. Cook, of Provincetown, Mass., entertained the Companions with what he termed a "Whale Man's Story," drawn from personal experiences of twenty years.

"His description of the trip from San Francisco north through Behring Straits into the Arctic Ocean was highly instructive. From a knowledge of the currents of that ocean, gained by practical experience, and other phenomena connected with the region, the Captain would not be an enthusiastic 'explorer in search for the North Pole.'"

In September the Grand High Priest announced the death of two of the permanent members of Grand Chapter, Companion George Wilby, Grand Scribe in 1889, and Companion Olin C. Towle, R. E. Grand King in 1898.

The One hundred and tenth Annual Convocation was held in Boston on December 8, 1908, an exemplification of the degrees being a preliminary.

A proposal to increase the minimum fee in Boston and in cities of the First Capitular District from twenty-five to forty dollars created something of a breeze and action was indefinitely postponed.

In his address the Grand High Priest referred to the calamity that had visited the city of Chelsea in the previous April, by which 800 dwelling houses and public buildings were destroyed by fire, 1,500 families were driven from their homes, and 10,000 people made homeless, and all that was made sacred by family ties and endearing associations was completely annihilated. His appeal to the Companions was responded to right nobly.

"And what a revelation! This calamity was the opportunity to display that warmth and intent of fraternal sentiment which finds expression in the hearts of men at such a time. The afflicted city became the centre of thought, and from every direction came the aid and assistance so much needed."

Grand Secretary J. Gilman Waite provided a rich treat for his Companions in a 290-page report on Correspondence, which included a copious review of Canada for 1908.

Baalis Sanford, Brockton, Grand High Priest.

J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Michigan

Chapters .. 147.

Members .. 19,111.

In Bay City's Masonic Temple and on the 18th May, 1909, the Sixty-first Annual Convocation was "called to order" by M. E. Grand High Priest M. Earl Brackett.

The Mayor's cordial address of civic welcome was followed by one from Companion George L. Lusk, the "Village Postmaster" and chairman of the Entertainment Committee, who also extended a most hearty and fraternal welcome. He also gave notice of a theatre party which had been arranged for the visiting Companions in the evening, and a special automobile ride for the ladies at ten o'clock next morning.

The Grand Secretary called "the Roll of Honor," to which four additions had been made during the past year.

The most prominent of that quartette was Past Grand High Priest McCurdy. "Our Hugh," as he was affectionately known to the sorrowing Companions who listened to his obituary. Born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, he lost none of the sturdy characteristics of his native land by reason of leaving it at a tender age. He was the best known Mason in Michigan and his Masonic record is a long and enviable one, covering nearly sixty years. He was one of three distinguished Masons who have held the presiding office in the four Grand Bodies. He died at his home, Corunna, on the 16th July, 1908.

Past Grand High Priests John P. Fiske, 1867, Samuel C. Randall, 1891, and James H. Cummins, 1894, were also called away during the year.

Dispensations for three new Chapters were approved by the Grand High Priest.

He was another to advise, from experience gathered at visitations, against the funny man.

"It it has been your practice, Companions, to confer any of the degrees in a frivolous manner and with the idea of impressing upon your candidate that he has 'been through' something, change your methods. Right about; make your candidate feel, not on his person, but in his mind, that he is receiving lessons which he will be expected to live up to."

With conscientious vigor he appealed to the Companions against perpetuating an apparently glaring injustice.

"You will agree with me, I am sure, that it is necessary that the Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Michigan shall be one of the brightest men in our midst. Is it right that he should be asked to do our work for a much smaller salary than that which is being paid by other Grand Jurisdictions, or should our finances be in such a condition that we can pay him according to the services which he renders us?"

He omitted to make a direct recommendation on the matter, and therein we thought his judgment may have been a shade faulty, but later on, when the Finance Committee recommended, and Grand Chapter approved, an amendment by which only one member of a Chapter could dip into the "mileage and per diem" trough, the "object all sublime" became clearer. Action towards doing justice to the most deserving Grand Secretary is "not yet but soon."

That the Grand High Priest set out naught in exaggeration of his Scribe's qualities is abundantly exemplified in the admirably well detailed report of that officer.

The Grand Secretary read a sympathetic letter from the Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia, on the death of P. G. H. P. McCurdy, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

Presenting his report on Correspondence, Comp. Anion Conover said *inter alia*:

"It is to be regretted that our proceedings do not circulate more among the entire membership, but by the establishment of

small Masonic libraries in the lodge rooms and temples, they become more largely available, and I firmly believe that there is growing interest in learning along Masonic historical and literary lines."

Now that is hopeful, and from our experiences of "a day off" last summer we are inclined to agree with him. In places remote and least expected a keen desire for knowledge was one of the pleasant discoveries.

The matter of expenses of representatives to General Grand Chapter created some discussion, and the following significant resolution was committed:

"That a special committee of three be appointed to investigate and report to the Grand Chapter at its next annual convocation, the exact nature of its connection with, and obligations, if any, to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America."

And yet it is remembered that once upon a time a "foreign" correspondent incurred severe censure for suggesting the oddity of a "sovereign" body owning allegiance to any distinct organization.

Grand Secretary Conover's report on Correspondence is an excellent one, and if Grand Chapter does not appreciate the labor at its value it is reasonably certain that the Companions of Michigan do.

Anticipating the action of the Grand High Priest, we referred in a previous review to that same lack of appreciation, and our colleague, quoting us, remarked on Canada's different treatment of its toiler, adding, "he is generous in his views and recommendations." This may be a specimen of Charles "W.'s" caustic humor or otherwise; in any case we may be permitted to congratulate him that there were others nursing the same views and recommendations, and to whom his pleasantry will probably assume another tone. He gives a three-page kindly review of Canada, noting that the scribe was being sent to spy out the land. The receipt of Companion Conover's card of new year greeting recently made us wish that he had shared in our delightful experiences, not the least of

which was the whole-souled companionship enjoyed at the hands of the good fellows of Michigan, where at the "Soo" the town and all belonging thereto was handed over to us during our all too brief sojourn among them.

Geo. W. Armstrong, Adrian, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota

Chapters .. 70.

Members .. 7319

There was an unbroken roster of officers and a very good attendance of Chapter and Grand Representatives, among the latter as usual, Canada's punctual envoy, Companion Swanstrom, when the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Geo. N. Houghton, declared the Forty-seventh Annual Convocation in St. Paul on the 13th October, 1908, opened in ample form.

He related the doings of his year in an address that did not weary his hearers.

One of his visitations was to a joint public installation of Lodge, Chapter and Order of Eastern Star. Quite an edifying mix-up.

He was asked if it was permissible to advance a saloon keeper to the Chapter degrees and replied, "Yes, if the Chapter finds him worthy."

One hopes he is well out of range from the firing line in Oregon and elsewhere. Here is more rank heresy deserving of the stake and faggot:

"A Companion was stricken from the roll for non-affiliation in the Lodge. Was the action valid? He asks for a dimit."

"No. The Companion is still a member of the Chapter, and if clear on the books and no charges pending he is entitled to a dimit."

The Grand High Priest had witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree a number of times and re-

marked that the questions and answers of the lecture are either substituted by a historic recital, or, in a good many cases, the High Priest will look at his watch and inform the candidates that on account of the lateness of the hour they will be omitted.

"This is all wrong, men pay their money to receive instruction and should be given the best there is to be had."

He received a request for a dimit from a Companion who lost the opportunity to "receive instruction" by reason of the collapse of his Chapter seventeen years previously. He recommended that this Companion, "if in good standing in his Lodge," be sent a bill for \$2.00 per year for the period between his exaltation and the Chapter's collapse, and, if paid, to grant the dimit. What a nice preliminary to his education.

The committee appointed to pave the way for a suitable celebration of Grand Chapter's semi-centennial made an advance report, which included the recommendation of a two-day session and a historical address.

The Jurisprudence Committee disapproved the decision of the Grand High Priest that a saloonkeeper may be advanced to the Capitular degrees.

"Your Committee is of the opinion that any person who is engaged in any form in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors is ineligible to receive the Capitular degrees."

Such may be the Committee's "opinion," and individually they are entitled to the same, but in the absence of legislation what is to hinder a Chapter acting on the petition of a liquor dealer? The Grand High Priest's decision may not have been his "opinion," but it was certainly in line with existing conditions.

Companion Irving Todd's Correspondence Report is not voluminous. He manages to compress a good deal into a small space, and the paper is readable.

Quoting Comp. Titcomb of Alabama on his views as to the P. M. degree in the Capitular system, he asks:

"Would Comp. Titcomb recommend a return to the alleged ancient practice of confining the Royal Arch degree to those who had actually presided over a lodge of Master Masons?"

And we think he is not lacking in wisdom when he insinuated that word "alleged." While there is little doubt that Dermott in his encouragement of the Royal Arch insisted upon the chair qualification, the members of the original Grand Lodge who favoured the degree before its recognition and certainly after, were loose in the matter of the chair. In July, 1767, the Charter of Compact of Grand Chapter was formulated and signed by Lord Blayney as "Grand Master of the Royal Arch of Jerusalem." This document includes the regulations governing the body, and the chair qualification is not specifically mentioned.

The code held good during the period until 1778, when the "Laws of the Grand Chapter" superseded it, and the latter acknowledged the "chair" qualification.

Again, referring to the rival body, historian Gould says:

"The growing practice by the 'Ancients' of conferring the 'Arch' upon brethren not legally qualified to receive it, brought about a constructive passing through the chair."

At the union of 1817 neither body pleaded for the retention of the "relic," and it was turned out ingloriously for all time.

From old minutes and other Mss. discovered and preserved, the entries reveal that the "chair" was not always a pre-requisite, and its working as a preliminary was frequently "shunted." The modern ritual formula that in ancient times *nobody* could be exalted to the Supreme degree until he had passed the chair, has thus been laid open to the suspicion of being fabricated by modern exigency, a laboured justification for the existence and retention of a something that had outlived its usefulness.

He holds us up on a remark that one of Minnesota's resurrected Chapters had asked for and was granted its

former number. It appears the reading was hasty, as he says the request was refused. Amendment carried.

Jerome E. Cooley, Duluth, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

1909.

Chapters .. 71.

Members .. 7753.

All the Grand officers were present when Comp. Jerome E. Cooley, M. E. Grand High Priest, opened Grand Chapter's Forty-eighth Annual in St. Paul on 12th October, 1909. Our own M. E. Companion Swanstrom was vigilant as of yore.

"It is gratifying to me and I am sure it will be to all the Companions, to know that this, the Semi-Centennial year, is the banner year of our Grand Chapter, since its organization, both as to membership and cash received.

"May we hope that the good work will continue from year to year and when our Centennial comes no worthy Brother will remain outside the fold of Royal Arch Masonry."

Doesn't explain how he gets fifty from forty-eight. He started one new Chapter.

On April 27th the Grand Lodge of Minnesota laid the corner-stone of the St. Paul Masonic Temple. The Grand Master invited the Grand Chapter to participate. All the Grand Chapter officers were notified to be present. They responded nobly, every officer being present with but two exceptions.

"The day was fine, the ceremonies worked out beautifully, the immense crowd of Masons in line was handled without delay or friction, and the multitude of spectators who thronged the streets were seemingly impressed with the dignity of our order."

He did some visitation, and the story of same is not uninteresting. At one Chapter

"The class consisted of a judge of the Supreme Court, a minister of the Gospel, and just an ordinary man, all of whom made uncommonly good talks at the banquet which followed."

Good for the "ordinary man." He also saw the veterans of another Chapter put on the R. A. Their work reminded one of Kipling's Recessional, "Lest we forget." Otherwise everything was fine. A banquet concluded the evening's ceremonies. Let's hope the latter was looked after by admirers of Kipling.

A Chapter wrote to the Grand Secretary, and the latter forwarded the missive on to his chief:

"We have here with us a Brother Mason who was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason in England, a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar in Canada, having credentials of good standing in all these bodies, and well posted in all the degrees. He has never received the Past Master's degree in the Chapter. He said it was not given in Canada. He very much would like to take the degree here in New Ulm Chapter if it is possible, as he expects to be called to go to Cuba in a few weeks' time. Can New Ulm Chapter confer this degree on the brother without any further instructions, or does it require a special dispensation?"

The Grand High Priest informed the Chapter that the General Grand Chapter of the United States had in 1887 allowed subordinate Chapters to confer the missing degrees in cases where degrees had been omitted which were not required by other jurisdictions. He therefore instructed the Chapter to confer the Past Master's degree upon the Companion and they notified him that they had done so on March 5th, 1909.

From our reading of the matter the General Grand arrived at that decision a few decades prior to 1887, but time is occasionally tardy as an educator.

Companion Irving Todd presented another of his very concise reports, a page of which he kindly gives to Canada. Minnesota had a peaceful and progressive year.

James Ridler, St. Paul, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Mississippi

Chapters .. 71.

Members .. 3813.

Charles H. Blum, M.E. Grand High Priest, gazed upon a goodly assemblage of the Companions when he opened up the Sixty-first Annual Convocation in the city of Meridian on February 18, 1909. He was very grateful for the great honor conferred upon him, and his welcome was effusive. The office of Grand High Priest, in his opinion, was one that demanded from the Companion chosen thereto all that he could give in return. "The honor and interest of the Chapter should always be near his heart. Such has been my aim."

"I regret exceedingly my inability to report any visitations. Close confinement to my business interests, and financial inability, particularly the latter, has of necessity kept me at home."

He thereupon recommended an appropriation to meet the difficulty. He signed three charters, and the honor of dedicating the new Chapters he consigned to others.

He was asked for a hurry-up order in the case of three brethren who desired to take the Chapter degrees in December, Commandery in January, and Shrine in February. He refused.

"I hope the three brethren will get all the Masonic degrees they are looking for; but let them take them in regular order. It may be slower, but the results will be more lasting."

He reported a Chapter at Macon that was in a bad way because of internal dissension. The members incurred a big indebtedness and now meetings were very rare, with little likelihood of harmonious accord. He recommended the forfeiture of the charter and no certificates.

Chickasaw Chapter had not had a meeting for twelve months or more, and owing to its scattered membership there was no prospect of any future meetings. He ordered its charter arrested, and recommended that it be declared forfeited. For the same reasons he arrested the charter of Cato Chapter, and recommended that it also be declared forfeited.

The Grand Lecturer, Comp. Edmund Sadler, had written him, asking for a ten days' vacation, on account of a serious and unfortunate accident. While taking a bath, at Ackerman, his foot slipped, and in the fall he sustained a compound fracture of his left wrist.

"I readily granted him a furlough, at the expiration of which he resumed his labors. His earnest zeal and devotion to duty caused him to pursue his labors, in the face of a wretched physical condition. With indomitable courage, his arm in a sling, his strength decreasing every hour, but with Spartan fortitude, ready to fight nature to the last ditch. My attention being called thereto, I deemed drastic measures imperative, and suspended him from labor, under full pay, until he would furnish me with a certificate from his attending physician as to his physical ability to resume labor."

He did great work nevertheless and about covered the jurisdiction. We are under the impression, however, that whatever the demand of the finance authorities for details, a valued officer such as he should be spared the publication of his expenses except in the aggregate. Of course this is an outside reader's gratuitous opinion.

Very properly the Grand Secretary's valuable services were recognized by a substantial addition to his salary. Companion Speed's labors cannot be valued too highly.

A nice chatty and breezy report is that of Comp. Geo. DeLap. He expresses a doubt that it will be read by his Companions. We doubt that doubt.

He spent a short time with Canada's fiftieth annual, and noted the irregularity of a Canadian Chapter in inviting visitors from across the line to impart a degree that was not included in our system. The "true inwardness" of the matter is that some persons were extracting a little fun at the sacrifice of obligation, and it was found necessary to have a "carpet parade." They won't err again.

He scatters his well-meant blessings broadcast, and we trust that, like the dew from heaven, they may fall where they will do most good. As the constituency for which he writes, however, may possibly number a few

of opposite faith and sensitive withal, or, to use his own words, "the Chosen People, sometimes called the Jews, as well as some other names," it is not unreasonable to suppose that, as in the case of the stone which the builders refused, his charming report may be found consigned to a spot where its sweetness will be wasted on desert air.

Edwin J. Martin, Meridian, Grand High Priest.

Frederick Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Missouri

Chapters .. 106.

Members .. 11,428.

Joplin, although not often mentioned in daily despatches, must be something of a place. It was there Grand Chapter was held and in the Scottish Rite Hall the Sixty-third Annual Convocation was opened on the 27th April, 1909.

Grand High Priest Alfred H. White reminded his Companions of those who had passed away. Among those was a veteran Craftsman whom we had the privilege of meeting many years ago in Toronto, and whose charming personality impressed itself upon all with whom he came in contact.

"On May 25, 1908, M. E. Companion Martin Collins, our oldest Past Grand High Priest, died in St. Louis, at the age of 82 years; in his later years he was identified with another branch of Masonry in which he achieved much distinction, but in his earlier life he not only presided over this Grand Chapter, but also the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of this State, and was at one time Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. He had been a Mason fifty-five years."

The G. H. P. attributed the success of the year to the great work done by the Grand Lecturer. That officer receives three thousand dollars a year, including travelling expenses, to cover the territory.

He started one new Chapter and gave no decisions. He offered a suggestion, however, that subsequently occasioned discussion and an adverse verdict. It was to

the effect that worthy Master Masons who desire to receive the Capitular degrees, but who are prevented from so doing because living within the jurisdiction of Chapters that will not or cannot confer the degrees and cannot or will not get together a quorum to hold a meeting, should be given permission to petition any live and progressive Chapter in the State.

The idea found favor at first, but a minority report pointed out that an amendment of such nature would be "an innovation in Masonic law." The Companions took the alarm and "the nearest Chapter" prevails.

He warmly commended the Masonic Home, which he declared was accomplishing the purpose intended.

We did not think it possible that the Wisconsin ruler who belabored reporters in general and censored his own in particular, could have been duplicated outside of that bailiwick, but Missouri's Grand High Priest not only gave a sort of "me too" approval, but quoted some of the other's fulmination and offered a recommendation tending to similar action. The committee to whom was referred the question submitted the following, which was adopted:

"The Grand High Priest shall, after his installation, appoint one Companion as a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, who shall make his report not to exceed one hundred pages of the proceedings at the next Annual Convocation. He shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of two hundred dollars, provided that no officer of the Grand Chapter shall be eligible to such appointment."

This, of course, shuts out Grand Secretary Stevenson and ends the career of Correspondent for the Grand Chapter of one of the brightest reviewers in the corps. So much for example.

With a view to creating a revival or supplementary "boom" to the Grand Lecturer's work, or, as the resolution puts it, "action towards an increase of Grand Chapter's usefulness," a committee of three sapient Companions had the matter in consideration for a year. One of

their conclusions is embodied in the preamble to their report. It must have occasioned some deep thinking.

"It seems to your committee that one of the most practical ways to increase the usefulness of this Grand Chapter is to increase the membership of the subordinate Chapters."

Nevertheless they made some interesting and important discoveries. There were lax officers, apathy in the work, a falling away in attendance, the latter being due often to "forgetfulness of the members" and the want of an occasional evening of entertainment to relieve the monotony.

"Your Committee is informed that of eighty-four Chapters visited by the Grand Lecturer last year, twelve, or over fourteen per cent., can be classed as 'annuals'; in other words, they meet but once a year."

"Your Committee is also informed that some of the High Priests in this jurisdiction, for a number of years, have held that office, in at least one instance twenty years; what incentive has a Royal Arch Mason to learn the work under conditions which must necessarily destroy all ambition."

Finally having threshed out all kinds of suggestions, the Committee optimistically recommended that Grand Chapter finance the birth and nurture of a Masonic journal, and furnished, in the most hopeful manner, convincing figures to prove how easily it could be done.

"This publication, if properly edited, managed and distributed to the Master Masons of this State free of cost for, say, six months or a year, with a clear and distinct understanding that it would be discontinued at the end of that time unless subscribed to and paid for, should become so welcome a visitor in the homes of our brethren that none would willingly allow it to cease its regular visit."

"We believe that if the finances of this Grand Chapter will permit of their backing an enterprise of this character, that inside of two years it could be made self-sustaining and even a source of revenue. We have made no mention of the advertising possibilities, but a publication of fifty thousand copies each month or quarter reaching the homes of the best citizenship of this State should certainly appeal most strongly to the advertiser, and if this department were placed in charge of a competent, energetic advertising manager the cost to this Grand Chapter would be

nothing, but on the contrary we believe the enterprise could easily be made a source of revenue almost from the very beginning."

And there you are. Could anything be simpler? The possibilities are limitless. Grand Chapter might soon live rent free and the Companions enjoy their privileges without money and without price. The wonder is that it was never thought of before.

Companion Stevenson's report on Correspondence, like its predecessors, is delightful reading. Compiled in his own peculiar way, one is soon absorbed, and there is no laying it aside for anything else until finished. As noted above, somebody else is to do the work in future, the editor of the new Masonic journal possibly. Well, he has our best wishes, but, following the Grand Secretary, we fancy he has his work cut out for him.

Van Fremont Boor, Kansas City, Grand High Priest.

Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Montana

Chapters . . 17.

Members . . 1457.

For the eighteenth time the Grand Chapter met in Annual Convocation on 17th September, in the city of Butte. J. Benton Leggat, M. E. Grand High Priest, who has tasted all kinds of Masonic secrecy according to his biographer, ably presided.

Two bright and active Companions were taken by death from the official ranks, Deputy Grand High Priest Alexander Fraser and Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges. The former, of Scottish birth, was well beloved.

"As a neighbor he was kind and generous to a fault. As a friend he was as constant and abiding as the rays of the sun. His character was as rugged as the everlasting hills of his native home, and his nature as kindly and cheerful as that of a child."

R. E. Comp. Hedges was widely known and highly esteemed. For thirty-six years he was the writer of Foreign Correspondence reports and as such his name was familiar in many countries.

"Companion Hedges was one of the pioneers of Montana and took an active part in the establishment of law and order in Territorial times. He filled many positions of importance and trust, both legislative and administrative, and was especially prominent in all movements for the development of the religious and educational interests of the community. The chief object of interest in his later years was the establishment of a Masonic Home in Montana. He lived to see a handsome endowment provided for this object, and assisted in laying the corner-stone of the building now in process of erection."

To the vacant position of Grand Secretary the Grand High Priest appointed the worthy son of a worthy father, and his action was endorsed by Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest did some beneficial visiting, at which he kept his eyes open.

"It is to be deplored that we have a few drones in this hive of Chapters, and it is to be hoped that the good example set by their Sister Chapters accompanied by the gentle roasting of your Grand High Priest may have a salutary effect for the future."

The Grand King, under instruction, visited the Chapter which owns the Grand High Priest, and he reported well of it.

"My criticisms were confined to pronunciation of some 'jaw breakers,' and to the fact that they had made use of a dummy, which though pronounced lawful by the General Grand Chapter, and declared by our Grand Chapter a matter for local decision, did not seem to me necessary."

Now what was the "dummy" for? Experience would incline one to believe that few Chapters are without several good samples of the harmless creature. He recommended that the word "august" be used instead of "sublime" in connection with the term "Royal Arch Mason" in both the minutes and in the monitorial work.

To our thinking there are not many Royal Arch Masons in the universe to whom either word would apply. If, however, he means the "degree," as we suspect, the word "supreme" is a more appropriate prefix. The Committee, however, inclined to "august."

M. E. Companion Benton retired from the chair with all the honors, and Frank B. Lewis reigns in his stead.

1908.

The Grand High Priest for this year of grace is an Episcopal divine, and the first of the cloth to serve in that high office. Proudly and well did M. E. Comp. Frank B. Lewis preside over the Nineteenth Annual Convocation in Helena on 15th September, 1908. All the Chapters were duly represented. Three of the Grand officers were absent. One of them wrote:

"I am out for Clerk and Recorder of Missoula County, on the Republican ticket, and unfortunately our convention is on the 15th, the same date of the Grand Chapter meeting."

As a visitor, and a painstaking one, the Grand High Priest is entitled to the palm. The observations he made are duly set forth in a most interesting address, which is not only a record of official acts but presents a better portrait of the man as a Mason than even his biographer could hope to do.

He made an examination of the secretary's books in every Chapter but one, and the exception was occasioned by the absence of their custodian.

"I observed that very many Secretaries made record of the fact that candidates were examined as to their proficiency before being advanced to a higher degree, but as in many cases that higher degree was given on the same evening, the degree of proficiency required could scarcely have made the examination anything more than a form. In some instances the examination was said to have been held in open Chapter."

Will the above cause a blush elsewhere than in Montana? The Chapters, by law, are supposed to keep a "Black Book," which we gather is little more than a register of suspensions and other matters recorded against the careless or unfortunate of the membership. The custom, he found, was more honored in the breach than in the observance, and many of the secretaries had never heard of such a record, which leads him to remark:

"If there is not sufficient sentiment behind a law to call for its obedience or to enable it to be enforced, repeal that law no matter how good it may seem, no matter what benefits it might be supposed to bring if it were observed."

The lengthy story of his visitations makes good reading because of its original style.

"It has astonished me to find so many physicians among the interested Chapter Masons. Doctors are pretty apt to know a good thing. I believe in doctors.

"I had but two things to criticize, first that the C. of H. did not know the obligation, and second the great need of the school master. I have felt tempted to assume that role again and again during my visitations, but I hated the assumption of superior wisdom which might seem to go with it.

"The Companions have to speak the name of that old ark-builder Bazaleel so often, that I should think they ought at least to learn to pronounce him."

There were no new Chapters during his term, he did not issue a dispensation, but he "decided" in two or three cases. One of the latter was as follows:

"On December 30th I was asked by Livingston Chapter No. 7, through their Secretary, whether the Chapter could take up the matter of conferring the degrees upon Brother Cuttle, with Vancouver Chapter, Vancouver, Canada, by which latter Chapter this brother had been elected, or whether the Grand Chapter of Montana must act upon it, through the Grand Chapter of Canada. I gave opinion as follows:

"I do not find any law to settle the matter. I therefore recommend this procedure, which I think will safeguard all things: Let Mr. Cuttle ask the Vancouver Chapter to make the request of your Chapter to confer the degrees upon him. Let the Vancouver Chapter, in case they see fit to grant the brother's request, send their written request of you to the Grand High Priest of Canada for his endorsement. If he approves he will forward it to the M. E. G. H. P. of Montana, who will formally approve it and send it to you. This will, I think, avoid any question about the legality of the proceedings.

"I have heard no more of the matter, and do not know whether anything came of it."

Same here. Grand Secretary Hedges, Jr., in presenting his report appealed for a successor, but the Com-

panions augmented the salary and retained him. He will include a Correspondence report, which is absent from this year's volume.

Edward C. Day, Helena, Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska

Chapters .. 56

Members .. 4100.

Two gaps occasioned by death broke the official chain during the year, Companions Uriah Chester, Grand Chaplain, and Henry A. Turton, Grand Steward. Just a couple of days before the Annual Convocation news came of the death of M. E. Companion Charles A. Holmes, who was Grand High Priest in 1889.

Twenty-four of the Chapters were unrepresented, when Comp. Charles W. Kaley, Grand High Priest, opened the Forty-second Annual at Omaha on the 16th December, 1908.

He had very little to worry him during his rulership. He had no questions for decision; issued less than a dozen dispensations, and his visiting list was small. He endeavored to learn the existing conditions through correspondence, and was able to report that the Chapters generally are enjoying a fair measure of prosperity.

One of his Chapters trespassed on territory claimed by Kansas, and the offence was brought home. A few letters sufficed to adjust matters and all ended happily. Concluding, he said:

"My shortcomings, however, consist only in neglecting to visit the Chapters and render such assistance as they may have needed to build up their membership."

Which wasn't much, was it? Grand Secretary White submitted an interesting report, in which the condition of the Masonic Home is fully dealt with.

It matters little whether a Companion receives a return for his money in the way of Chapter privileges or not, the kopecks must be in evidence.

"In accordance with instructions given at our last Annual Convocation, charges were preferred by the Grand Scribe and filed with Wahoo Chapter No. 43, of Wahoo, Nebraska, against all members formerly belonging to Chapters that are now extinct, who had not paid their dues as required by the law. I am advised that on November 14th, 1908, nine of the Companions were suspended, and that one had paid his indebtedness to the Grand Chapter."

The Grand Lecturer was not called upon to make any visits, nor was he even applied to in the case of differences of opinion as regards ceremonial working.

"This leads me to believe that the High Priests throughout the jurisdiction are familiar with the work in every detail, and are closely following the General Grand Chapter ritual in conferring the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry."

The "Committee on Grand Chapter Office" reported that upon the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, the members examined his office, and found that it is badly in need of a rug for the floor. The official rug was duly authorized.

Companion C. J. Phelps is again and for the seventeenth time the welcome Correspondent. The M. E. Companion furnishes as usual a carefully compiled and very entertaining review. Under Canada for 1908 he dubs M. E. Companion Robertson's historical address "most interesting and instructive," and adds:

"That in Canada Royal Arch Masonry derived its form largely from the United States, is clearly shown. England recognizes nothing between Master Mason and the Royal Arch, but we quote from Companion Robertson's address: 'In Jan., 1859 (the second year after the establishment of their present Grand Chapter), at Toronto, a uniform ritual was exemplified and adopted. The English ritual for the Royal Arch was decided on, and the American degrees of M. M., P. M., and M. E. M. were included in the work of Canada.'"

Why did Companion Phelps stop just there? To cut off the quotation at that point would justify a suspicion that he clipped enough to suit some purpose of his own.

If he is writing to give his Companions information he should give them the whole truth. Why did he not tell them that the historian asserted that the introduction of the American degrees "was a grave mistake which should have been corrected on the formation of the Grand Chapter?" Why did he not quote further and inform them that Canada "acted wisely in adopting the English Royal Arch, but that the necessity for tacking on the American attachments had passed away," and that the P. M. had been bundled out neck and crop many years ago? No. Such pills were not sugar coated sufficiently to tickle Nebraskan palates. He culled just what suited him and pleased his own fancy.

Said an onlooker to the auctioneer: "Was the picture you just sold a genuine work of art?"

"No," answered the other, "but the story I told about it was."

Our epicurean Companion says we are severe on him. No such thing. On the contrary we rather admire him for his patriotic adherence to a belief in a so-called principle which Companion Schultz, of Maryland, "whose earnestness" he enjoys, tells us had its birth in Nebraska. All our severity is for the "product" not for its sincere upholders.

He quotes the ancient charges for our benefit, but omitted to italicize the word "ought." In modern Nebraskan, however, it reads, "Every brother *must* belong to a lodge."

To advance the Old Charges in support of a modern innovation is amusing and characteristic, but he fails to tell us why "the Mother Grand Lodge" has never in all those two centuries attempted to interpret them after the fashion of Nebraska.

Quoting us again on his assumption that the "Masonic world" is embraced in the territory over which waves "Old Glory," he rejoins with unconscious humor, and the bird of freedom, of course, screamed rapturously in unison.

"Well, it is within 'the territory over which waves "Old Glory,"' that most of what is essential in Royal Arch Masonry was developed and given to the English-speaking Masonic world."

"Hooray," more power to the bird. He is evidently bound to keep a paternal eye on us. Under Louisiana he observes a discussion with Illinois, touching the old time Royal Arch in America, and adds:

"This writer is reading with great interest what both say about it, and we cannot but think that Companion George J. Bennett, Canada's reviewer, should sit up and take notice."

Why, that is what we are here for. Moreover, it occurs to us that we did take considerable notice and sincerely hope that Companion Charles J. Phelps, Nebraska's reviewer, has benefitted therefrom. And what we stated was what we believe to be the truth, the whole truth, and truth is stranger than—furnishing quotation with a careful avoidance of inconvenient context.

We trust he won't detect any severity in that to arouse the patriotic Nebraskan bile. A fraternal tilt occasionally is not to be so construed. We don't mean it anyway, but if he persists in mistaken interpretation, why all we can do is to forgive.

Teacher—"Did you ever forgive an enemy?"

Tommy—"Wunct."

Teacher—"And what noble sentiment prompted you to do it?"

Tommy—"He wuz bigger dan me."

Under Nova Scotia, after acknowledging an explanation of Masonic clothing in public, he says, and in this we line up alongside cheerfully:

"The writer believes that while there is great authority for processions in blue lodges, and certainly for Knights Templar, in Royal Arch Masonry there is no occasion for either processions or the display of the regalia or clothing of Royal Arch Masons in public."

Oscar R. Allen, Omaha, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

Nevada

Chapters . . 9.

Members . . 410.

Thirty-six years has Nevada labored in the Capitular field, and in its latest period shows a net increase of 37. The jurisdiction nevertheless is content and its membership is choice if small. The levy on the Chapters for maintenance of the Grand body is gathered from a recent amendment to the Constitution. One wonders how a proposition of similar nature would be met elsewhere.

"The following contributions shall be paid as annual dues by each of the Chapters, whether chartered or under dispensation:

"1. For each Mark Master's, Past Master's, Most Excellent Master's, and Royal Arch degree, conferred during the year, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents.

"2. For each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual return the sum of one dollar, but the Grand Chapter, in its discretion, may direct that this contribution may not be enforced for any specified year; and the Grand Chapter may levy, in addition to the above, such other contributions as in its judgment may be required."

The Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in Carson City's Masonic Hall on the 7th June, 1909, with an attendance representing eight Chapters.

Grand High Priest P. B. Ellis said that the past year was a satisfactory one and that all was peace.

He visited a Chapter which had gone through a fire tribulation and had removed to another location. A number of applicants were on hand for the degrees, one coming a distance of 275 miles. Permission was accorded to receive petitions and elect at same meeting. The Chapter had remaining much of its original furniture, "among which was the Square and Compasses, which were partly melted, but enough remained to give them shape, and which were used on this occasion."

To another Chapter, U.D., to enable them "to properly prepare themselves for all meetings" and to allow

them "to do the work of the Chapter before asking for a charter," he granted dispensation to receive and act upon applications without reference to the Committee.

"The applicants were all well known and their interest in Masonry so well established (nearly all of the petitioners being 32d degree members of the A. & A. Scottish Rite), that I felt that the interest of Capitular Masonry was not being lowered by granting this extra permission under the circumstances."

Perhaps not, under those exalted qualifications. He did a fair measure of beneficial visiting. He issued a duplicate charter to the Chapter which was "wiped out" by fire.

"I desire that this action be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for the reason that my action has been criticized, under the belief that I acted without warrant of authority, since there is no provision made for such duplication by any rule of this Grand Chapter. I did so for the reason that I thought it better to act even without special authority than to have this Chapter work without a proper warrant."

Another believer in the "actual presence." The Committee upheld his action.

Companion A. D. Bird submits a Correspondence report in which his own sweet warble is completely drowned out by the ceaseless rattle of the shears.

James C. Doughty, Elko, Grand High Priest.

C. N. Notewar, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick

Chapters . . 8.

Members . . 681.

Comp. Andrew McNichol of St. John, M.E. Grand High Priest, had the honor of presiding over the "coming of age" anniversary Convocation of New Brunswick's Grand Chapter on the 26th August, 1908. There were just 31 delegates present.

The Grand High Priest met his Companions with congratulations on "another year of marked Masonic activity and advancement."

"My intention had been to visit every Chapter in our jurisdiction during my year of office, but I found it was not convenient to do so at the times I had fixed for such visitations; however, I made some."

Three excellent Companions, in the persons of John Mackenzie of Woodstock, P.G.R.A. Captain; Arthur L. Trueman, P.G. King, and George M. Jarvis, a Past Grand Third Principal, were removed by death during the interval, and he paid deserved tribute to their memories.

"Companion Jarvis was active in the formation of our Grand Chapter and was elected Third Grand Principal at its first Convocation. He took great interest in the different branches of Masonry, and energy and activity were the watch-words of his nature."

A net increase in membership of 63 was reported by the Grand Secretary. Carleton Chapter of St. John is the strongest on the roll, having 218 members. Grand Chapter will again meet in St. John.

George Ackman, Moncton, Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire

Chapters .. 26.

Members .. 4144.

Aided by the Schubert Quartette of Boston, an exemplification of the degrees was given before a special Convocation of Grand Chapter in the city of Keene in October of last year, at which about one-half of the subordinates were represented and the official staff made a most creditable showing. It was in all respects a very successful function.

In the Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Concord, the Ninetieth Annual Convocation was opened on the morning of the 19th May, 1909, with a large attendance, Canada being represented by Companion Frank R. Marston, duly accredited.

Comp. Charles Henry Sinclair, M.E. Grand High Priest, announced that "our beloved Order" had come

unscathed and prosperous through a period of national "uneasiness, mistrust and discouragement." He devoted much of his address to the achievements during the year of "the grim messenger." Among those called away was the Grand Scribe, Samuel Condon, who was in his place at the special Convocation referred to above.

He urged the taking of such measures as would provide sufficient revenue to preclude the undignified necessity of having to borrow money to meet obligations.

This was subsequently accomplished by raising the exaltation fee to Grand Chapter to three dollars.

Rev. Comp. Josiah L. Seward is again the chatty and entertaining correspondent. He gives our proceedings of last year a lengthy and approving notice, especially in the matter of confining the regalia worn at a Masonic funeral to that of the blue lodge. To our remarks on the absurdity of public installations he says:

"We believe that, strictly speaking, it is un-Masonic to allow public installations in any branch of Freemasonry."

Which we take to mean, and agree with heartily, that it is those who permit such functions, not those who ask the permission, who are guilty of un-Masonic conduct.

Observing that a Grand High Priest refused his consent to a Chapter to lower its dues from \$3.00 to \$2.00, as "it was manifest that the lower figure would not meet the necessary expenses of the Chapter," he passes on without a comment, where one naturally expected a suggestion that the G. H. P. might be overstepping his prerogative. Surely a Chapter has a right to regulate its own affairs and knows more of its own domestic economy than the G. H. P. could possibly know. From this distance, refusal or sanction in such a case bears all the earmarks of unwarranted interference, to put it very mildly.

Contending against Comp. Hodson's belief in the actual presence of the charter, he challenges the latter's statement in support that it is in the nature of a land-

mark, he hies back to the ancient Constitutions and points to the fact that there is no mention of the charter in defining the term Lodge.

"It is evident, therefore, that this demand for the presence of the charter was not an original landmark. We are well aware that the English Grand Lodge, at a subsequent time, made the presence of it compulsory. That was after Freemasonry had found its way to America. It was not an original landmark, and we were not compelled to make a similar law. That definition of a Lodge, as an assemblage of Masons with a charter, although susceptible of different interpretations, was a definition composed after the publication of the real landmarks.

"Furthermore, we have seen a communication addressed to our own Grand Secretary, from one of the most noted English authorities upon the subject of Freemasonry, in which he declares, after reading our report, that we are right in our decision that the enforced presence of the charter is not a landmark.

"We trust that these facts add something to the thickness of our argument. As regards the mere fact of the presence of the charter, we feel that it makes little difference anyway. Such valuable documents ought to be more carefully preserved, and not subjected to such risk. If it be deemed necessary to have an instrument that will positively vouch for the legality of the Lodge or Chapter, a properly certified statement from the grand body that such a document was in existence would answer every purpose."

The resolution of the four old Lodges in London in 1717, from which period our speculative system may be said to start, stated that "the privilege of assembling as Masons, which had been hitherto unlimited, should be vested in certain Lodges, that every Lodge should be authorized by warrant from the Grand Master, and that without such warrant no Lodge should be hereafter deemed regular or constitutional." This was most probably interpreted to mean that the written evidence of their regularity should be present to meet any possible expression of doubt, though its absence would not necessarily invalidate the proceedings."

It seems to us, however, that the argument as to whether the presence of the charter is a landmark or otherwise is beside the question. Companion Seward weakens his case by suggesting a certificate that such

exists. The charter itself is the certificate of the Grand body, and was not issued to be hidden away in a safety deposit vault. Its presence is necessary that all interested may see that certain acts are being performed under properly constituted authority. Therein lies its value. The risk of loss by any means does not risk the powers conferred by the issuers of the instrument. The possibility of its being purloined to be utilized later by unauthorized persons is very remote and a contingency provided for under many restrictions. A total loss, say by fire, is remedied in the issue of a duplicate. We certainly incline to Companion Hodson's view that when a charter is issued it should always be displayed by the body to which it is directed, not so much to validate the transactions which it authorizes, as to be a visible reminder to member or visitor of that higher body to which it owes its existence.

Within our lodges the attention of every newly-initiated brother is directed to the charter, which he is invited to inspect then or at any future time, and he thus realizes the importance and solemnity of the authority under which he is privileged to become one in a great fraternity.

We cordially commend his remarks on the causes which contribute to late hours in too many of our Masonic bodies:

"Masonic banquets are often the occasion of late hours, especially where a long list of speakers has been provided for the post-prandial exercises. If the speakers are all good orators, it is an insult to the later speakers to ask them to address an audience excessively wearied by the speeches which have preceded. If the speakers are not interesting and entertaining, it is an insult to the audience to be burdened with them. It is usually thought that certain high officials, if present, would feel misused if not asked, at what would be usually deemed the proper moment, to address the brethren. No more of these should ever be asked to be present at any one time than can be well cared for. If the number of dignitaries present happens to be large, it would be well to select three or four as representatives of the whole. If it be understood that a large number will be asked to speak, every speaker should be enough of a gentleman to be commendably brief. On many occasions, we have observed that those who have the least of consequence to

say are much the longest upon their feet. Another occasion of late hours is the attempt to work the degrees upon too many candidates. Such work has no aesthetic value, and the moral, intellectual, and practical results are reduced to the minimum."

Companion Seward provides a rich and generous feast for his Companions, and we have thoroughly enjoyed the perusal. His review is a good one throughout, and his comments free from anything savoring of discourtesy. In his concluding remarks one recognizes a sentiment that we trust he will ponder well before developing.

"Masonry should be progressive. We do not care so much what has been done as what ought to be done. It by no means follows, with certain important exceptions, that a thing should always be done simply because our fathers in Masonry have done it. Such slavery to customs is no more sensible in Masonry than it would be in the Republic. Institutions and customs which are either bad or worthless should disappear. Their observance for a century, except in some cases (and those few cases refer to actual and positive landmarks), is no absolute reason for a continuance. Many radical reforms have been introduced into Masonic machinery and methods in our own lifetime."

True, and they are as inimical to the once-boasted Masonic universality as they are to Masonic principle. Let us quote another revered and wise Companion long since passed to his reward, the late Rev. J. W. Dadmun of Massachusetts:

"Just in proportion as the Grand bodies become localized and exclusive, by unwise and un-Masonic legislation, the Institution will depreciate in power and influence, and become no better than a thousand and one local organizations, which spring up in a day, and almost as soon die, with none to mourn their departure."

There is a limit to the "progress" that should be advocated in the old Craft. The boast of "many radical reforms," if continued, is but another "writing on the wall." We are no pessimist, but we can perceive nothing but peril in the work of "the modern reformer," with whom we would deeply regret to see Companion Seward allied.

Chas. H. Sinclair, Concord, Grand High Priest.

Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey

Chapters . . 38.

Members . . 5778.

This is another of the jurisdictions which has little faith in moving about the country seeking an incentive to health in change of air for the Annual Convocations. New Jersey's Fifty-third was "at home" as of yore in the comfortable quarters of "Three Times Three," located in Trenton, and was opened in the forenoon of the 12th May, 1909, by Comp. James S. Ware, M.E. Grand High Priest, supported by his full list of officers, no less than nineteen Past Grand High Priests and a splendid representation from all the Chapters but three. A pretty strong argument in favor of New Jersey's decision against "the rolling stone."

A large delegation from the Grand Chapter of New York was given a cordial welcome.

The Grand High Priest's year was one of pleasure to himself and profit to the Chapters.

Three of the veterans were taken during the year, Past Grand High Priests Charles L. Chovey, Charles Bechtel and Thomas H. Redway; all had worked zealously in the quarries. The two former, octogenarians both, singularly enough had claimed *la belle France* as their natal country.

The Grand High Priest recommended that in future "all new by-laws and amendments to by-laws of subordinate Chapters must, before they become operative, be first submitted to and receive the approval of the Grand High Priest," a requirement we fancied that was general.

He was a good visitor himself and recommended a more general observance of the practice. The corps of Lecturers also did good and faithful work.

An atmosphere of peace and good-will was enjoyed by this happy jurisdiction, and the several committees had little or nothing to report.

The busy Grand Secretary will henceforth rejoice in the possession of a typewriting machine and the Companions of Grand Chapter, an outfit of new aprons.

The customary thoughtful review of the Grand Chapter proceedings of other jurisdictions was prepared by M.E. Comp. Henry S. Haines, whose faith in the might of the pen as against the shears is well illustrated in his painstaking and most instructive paper. Nor does he altogether eschew the latter, but when he seizes that instrument it is to clip something that, enjoying himself, he believes his Companions will enjoy also. In a more than cursory perusal of the record from Canada for 1909 he is as just as he is generous and carefully notes every salient feature of the session. Observing that high rank was bestowed upon one whose merit as a diligent and conscientious laborer for many years in a Capitular field far remote from the ordinary ready access to Grand Chapter Convocations, he says:

"While we do not believe it generally beneficial, yet we are willing to withhold an adverse judgment from those who labor in the same cause with us, and see in this a means to promote it."

Therein he exhibits his never-failing sense of justice, but while he refers in other places to the "vastness of the Dominion," the "distances and almost insurmountable obstacles to be encountered in official visitation," he fails to entirely estimate the situation. If in this jurisdiction the position of chief ruler was as easily attainable as it is in the majority of our sister bodies, no such course would have been advised or approved. At a distance of three thousand miles from headquarters, and for a score of years, this Companion labored among the Chapters in a territory which comprises 390,000 square miles, or over *forty thousand times the area of New Jersey*, and journeyed over that enormous country when his Companions called, at his own expense and without any expectation or thought of reward. That the brethren of his Grand Lodge gave him its highest honor years ago but indicates what the estimation is in which he is held in his far-distant home and the likelihood of what would

have happened in Grand Chapter were the latter reachable in less than a full week's continuous railway travel.

It is a matter for sincere personal regret that lack of time precluded a resumption of the discussion in which both Canada and New Jersey are interested. Comp. Haines thus explains:

"In the accumulation of volumes awaiting our attention, deferred by unwonted causes until the year had nearly closed, the Proceedings of Canada was the last but one, and this review is prepared a week after the delivery of our general budget, and is written, as it were, at the threshold of the printer's door. A long and able dissertation is given upon the controverted order of rank in the Council Officers, historical allusions and quotations being given in support of the English arrangement, with the King at the head. To these we hope to allude at another time, and cannot be tempted now by even the graceful but not discourteous imputation of plagiarism to enter further upon the subject than to say that no argument is adduced which should lead us to consider the system observed on this side of the boundary, either innovatory or inconsistent with ancient analogies."

We had anticipated something of the proof he said existed to support the contention that the chief officer of the early English Chapter was the High Priest. The Illinois Companion whom Comp. Haines champions in that contention had likewise promised "evidence abundant," but our hopes in both cases were doomed to disappointment. However, we will not despair. The positive assertions of both these illustrious Companions must rest on some tangible basis, and we still cherish the hope of being favored with even a "sample" of those "historic proofs," or a few facts of the "cold" variety.

To his little boy's question, "Father, what is the Arctic Circle?" Paterfamilias replied with the grave wisdom gleaned from a perusal of his morning paper, "The Arctic Circle, my son, is an imaginary line bounding a large area of uncorroborated evidence."

His flattering personal remarks we appreciate for the kindness which prompts them, but disclaim all ownership in the special virtues he so generously ascribes to a certain quarter. We disclaim, too, the remotest idea of

accusing him of plagiarism. No person who carefully reads Comp. Haines would dare impute anything so far removed from truth. Coincident similarity in thought and diction led the writer to jokingly suggest a telepathic connection, but no more. We entertain too lofty a respect for New Jersey's gifted Correspondent to imply anything prejudicial to his unvarying consistency or his just appreciation of *meum* and *tuum* in those afflicted with *cacoethes scribendi*.

Samuel G. Rudderow, Camden, Grand High Priest.
Leonard L. Gear, Passaic, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico

Chapters .. 12.

Members .. 796.

Two special Convocations were held subsequent to the last Annual, one to constitute a Chapter and the other to install the Grand Lecturer. In neither case was Grand Chapter represented by an actual officer.

Ten of the Chapters were represented at the Eleventh Annual Convocation held in Albuquerque on the 21st October, 1908. The Past Grand High Priests numbered eight. They appear again among the Past Deputies, Past Kings, etc., so that a good showing is made.

'According to Grand High Priest J. G. Fitch, the Grand Chapter since organization has increased from 400 to 796. "Not a startling growth indeed, though a substantial one. But the advancement of Capitular Masonry is not to be measured by numbers alone."

"When you conferred upon me this high charge one year ago, I determined to visit every Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction. Circumstances have prevented my carrying this resolution into effect, and my visits have been confined to my own Chapter"

And one other. For his "valuable services" Grand Chapter presented him with a jewel. He had a novel invitation.

"The Irrigation Congress issued an official call under which all fraternal organizations in the Territory were entitled to appoint five delegates to the Congress. The appointment of delegates to a non-Masonic body, no matter how distinguished and meritorious it may be, seems to me such a startling innovation in Masonic usage and custom that I did not feel justified in making such a radical departure, at least not without the express authorization of this Grand Chapter, and I therefore declined to make the appointment."

The irrigators, no doubt, were prepared to illustrate their methods and assumed that the "good fellows" who "meet together" would better appreciate the advances achieved in the popular cult of "irrigating."

That was worth the jewel at any rate. Among the disbursements is again an item of \$100 for the Committee on Correspondence, but as on the former occasion affliction bore hard on the Companion selected for the duty.

"I have about one-half of the Correspondence reports finished, but continued sickness and death in my family have kept me from finishing the entire work. While I appreciate your kindness in delaying the report on my account, I think it would be better to leave the manuscript until next year, when I will give two years in one, as I do not feel equal at present to any continued work."

Cyrus D. Baucher, East Las Vegas, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

New South Wales

Chapters . . 15.

The proceedings at hand represent the records of the Quarterly Convocations held in Sydney in February, May, August and November, 1908. At each Canada's representative, M. E. Comp. Gribben, installed Grand First Principal at the latter Convocation, was present.

At the February Convocation M. E. Comp. S. D. Townsend presided.

Communications were read from M. E. Comp. Phillip Cohen, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, and M. E. Comp. Sir Samuel J. Way, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of South Australia, reciprocating fraternal New Year's greetings, and conveying hearty good wishes.

The Grand First Principal's address told of good visitation work done by himself and colleagues under trying circumstances. He thanked the latter for attending him to Wagga Wagga

"entailing as it did, a heated train journey of over 600 miles. The members of Grand Chapter will fully realize the position, when I state that the temperature was 107 degrees outside, which was greatly exceeded by that in the Chapter room during the time the various ceremonies were being conducted."

At the May meeting the Grand First Principal of Victoria visited and had a hearty welcome.

At the August Convocation he announced his intention to retire after three years' service, and at the following quarterly was able to congratulate the Companions on a very satisfactory condition of affairs, "one that has never been equalled during the whole period of its history."

"We have nearly doubled our membership and all the Chapters are working harmoniously. Last year 100 certificates were issued as against 71 three years ago.

"We continue to receive the fullest and most fraternal recognition from the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, America, Canada and Australasia. I appreciate the many kindly references made to us, especially as contained in the official reports of the American Grand Chapters. I had hoped that ere I laid down my sceptre the Grand Chapter of Scotland would have fraternally recognized us. I am at a complete loss to understand why recognition has been so long withheld. With this exception we are recognized by all the Grand Chapters of the world."

A. P. Gribben, Sydney, Grand Z.

A. J. Burbidge, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

New York

Chapters . . 205.

Members . . 34,099.

Always welcome, the neatly arranged and artistically printed volume comes in its familiar yellow covering with usual regularity to tell us of the proceedings of the One hundred and twelfth Annual Convocation held in the city of Albany on the 2nd February, 1909.

Our Companions of the Empire State believe in a fixed home for their Grand Chapter and never express any desire to put it on wheels. The Capital is where they assemble year after year with continued enthusiasm and ever-growing strength.

Distinguished Companions from Connecticut and New Jersey were visitors cordially welcomed, and one of their own veterans, Comp. Thomas C. Cassidy, who was M.E. Grand High Priest in 1873-4, but non-resident of the jurisdiction for some years, had traveled hundreds of miles to be present at this Convocation. His reception was characteristically fraternal.

"Comp. Cassidy was accorded the Grand Honors, and, though weakened from the effects of a long-continued illness, and deeply affected by the cordial welcome of his Companions, made a brief but feeling response thereto."

Comp. Willis Wood Rice, M.E. Grand High Priest, told his hearers that the year had been fruitful for the Royal Craft and perfect harmony prevailed throughout. Feelingly he referred to those whose places were vacant, incidentally mentioning the death of William A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master, whose genial personality was so familiar and welcome at Canada's annual gatherings.

"One had to know Brother Sutherland intimately to know the real man. Dignified, alert in thought and quick in speech, he lived above commonplaces and sought his friends on the higher levels of intellectuality and purpose, of usefulness and strict integrity. Yet he himself was one who served and served in things elevated and lasting. The law of service was the law of his life, whether in his legal profession, his high and exalted Masonic station, his attachments to friends or the sacred ties of family and home. The manhood that was in him recog-

nized both the duty and the opportunity and lifted service into the light and reality of Divine example and companionship."

Authority to institute a new Chapter at Angola was asked and granted. Other dispensations were few, and the Grand High Priest attributed to a more general study of the Constitution the absence of any requests for decisions.

He paid a well-deserved tribute to the veteran Grand Secretary. "While we cannot ask the Lord to spare him to us for forty years more, we would at least ask for twenty."

The Grand Secretary reported the case of a Chapter, one of the members of which had been tried by a commission, convicted and expelled. The details were duly reported to Grand Chapter, which confirmed the proceedings and finding and the whole was duly published in the annual record. The Chapter was dissatisfied and demanded a specially prepared report of the case under Grand Chapter seal, which was refused.

"A few days ago, however, the Grand Secretary was notified that the Chapter had dropped the Companion from its roll of membership, a change of membership not recognized by the Grand Chapter. The Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction authorizes such a change, equivalent to dismissal or discharge of membership, and if the Chapter, under the supposition that such was also the law of the Grand Chapter, and despite the fact of the expulsion of the Companion, which had been lawfully communicated to it, dropped him from its roll of membership, it discharged such membership, so far as itself was concerned, and thus declared him in good standing as a Royal Arch Mason for a time at least. As this is the first instance, in a wide experience, that a Chapter has disregarded the action of the Grand Chapter, as published in its Proceedings, attention is called to the fact, to the end that Chapters may be advised that such disregard will not be tolerated by the Grand Chapter."

The Jurisprudence Committee considered the above and decided that in such cases the action of the Grand Chapter should be the subject of immediate notification by the Grand Secretary to the Chapter interested, as "The printed Proceedings cannot be compiled, printed and put in the possession of Chapters until several months have elapsed after the Annual Convocation."

The Grand High Priest stated that, owing to the sudden death of the president of the banking corporation with which he was connected, he found it necessary to ask for leave of absence after the close of the morning's session.

On motion, leave of absence was granted the Grand High Priest and the sympathy of the Grand Chapter extended to him in the loss of his business associate.

Rev. Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain, delivered his annual address, able, interesting and instructive, on the subject of the relation of Freemasonry to morals and religion.

The Grand Chapter of Western Australia was accorded recognition.

Comp. Marvin I. Greenwood, P.G.H.P. and Chairman of the Committee, presented the report on Correspondence, and that it is a review of the proceedings conscientiously performed goes without saying.

Canada's 1908 volume was well perused and flatteringly commented on. The increased fee he thought was "a wise conclusion, and one to which all such efforts must inevitably bring the body that experiments in that direction."

He characterizes M.E. Comp. Robertson's historic paper as "a gem," and to the reporter he is, as usual, kind; but Companion Greenwood, while admiring his colleagues and their labors, is too modestly unobtrusive. A little more of himself would, we fancy, brighten up an otherwise good review.

Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand

Chapters .. 28.

Members .. 1168.

Christchurch was honored with the Seventeenth Annual Convocation on 26th January, 1909.

The Supreme Committee reported that it was impossible to ascertain the actual numerical position of the jurisdiction at the time of closing the books, owing to several Chapters failing to make their returns. It would appear that the numerical increase will quite hold its own with that of past years, while the secessions are not nearly so large.

One Chapter (Rawhiti) has been added to the roll, which now numbers 28 active Chapters and one Mark Lodge.

The newly-created office of Superintendent of Districts has been on its trial during the past year, and has quite fulfilled the expectations of its supporters. Notice was given

"That it is opportune and desirable that Supreme Grand Chapter should adopt the Chair Degrees of the Ark Mariner and Red Cross Knight."

This was agreed to and a special meeting to confer the degrees was sanctioned for the following morning.

The installation ceremony in the evening was impressively conducted. The newly-installed Grand Z. had a few words to say after thanking the Companions.

"The first ceremony revealed to our accepted brethren is the honorable degree of M.M.M., which in the mother country is considered of such value as to merit a separate and distinct organization. Though to some extent overshadowed in our Chapters by the necessarily great importance attached to the exaltation, I do not think I am alone in regarding the Mark as a beautiful, interesting, and absolutely essential step towards the culminating degree of the H.R.A. Operative and Speculative Freemasonry is, to my mind, beautifully co-mingled in this ancient rite. In former days, when the magnificent structures scattered over the Continent of Europe were being slowly evolved by the continued energies of the stonemasons under direction of their masters, no thought was apparently given to the question of cost or duration of the work. It proceeded slowly but thoroughly as the years rolled on; Master Mason succeeded Master Mason, though evidently some continuity of plan was preserved and handed down with scrupulous care and fidelity."

M. E. Comp. Fletcher, on behalf of Canada, was among those who tendered congratulations.

Sydney C. Bingham, Christchurch, Grand Z.

H. J. Williams, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

North Carolina

Chapters . . 36.

Members . . 2244.

"The Craft is to be congratulated upon the fact that peace reigns throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Royal Arch Masonry is stronger, financially and numerically, in North Carolina to-day than ever before. Its future is laden with bright prospects and great possibilities."

Thus spoke Jas. E. Braswell, M. E. Grand High Priest, to his Companions at the Sixty-first Annual Convocation at Winston on May 11th, 1909. The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was an honored visitor.

A petition for the Capitular degrees was received by one of the Chapters from an applicant who had received his early Masonic education in a lodge at Panama. This lodge it appears was held under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the High Priest of the Chapter entertained doubts of its regularity and expressed them in a letter to the Grand High Priest. He could not understand how a foreigner could invade territory over which waved the U. S. flag.

The Grand High Priest replied stating that there is no Grand Lodge of Panama, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland is duly recognized by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and has the right to occupy territory not already occupied by a Grand Lodge. The petitioner being a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is a regularly made Mason and entitled to apply for the Capitular degrees.

Serious and protracted illness prevented the Grand High Priest from carrying out a praiseworthy intention to visit the subordinate Chapters.

Grand Secretary Munds voiced the almost general wail regarding dilatory returns and again appealed for more activity on the part of secretaries.

The Grand Lecturer's work was limited, although his report is optimistic.

The Education Committee reported very favorably on the progress made by the young lady who is being fitted to battle with the future at the expense of Grand Chapter. The young man selected for a similar course did not appreciate his great opportunity and he was accordingly dropped. Another selection was made and apparently a good one, but at latest report the lad was very low with a serious illness.

It was recommended and approved that every subordinate Chapter be required to present each Companion with a "marked" penny.

It was also recommended in connection with the system of Inspection, that a set of banners for the Veils be presented for the year 1910 to the Chapter showing the highest percentage of perfection, said banners not to cost more than twenty-five dollars. Get in early and avoid the rush.

The veteran Companion James Southgate, as of yore, presents a most enjoyable report on Correspondence, in which Canada, for some unexplained cause, does not appear.

To the Delaware reporter he defines the distinction between "suspension" and "exclusion" as viewed from a North Carolina standpoint:

"Suspension with us carries with it the idea of a trial for some crime or serious offense against the Lodge or Masonry in general, and when one is suspended he cannot be restored to membership without a ballot; but, when one is cut off or excluded from membership for non-payment of dues it carries with it no crime and, that being the case for which he is excluded, when the dues are paid he is restored to the roll of members without a ballot. See?"

To another querist on the same subject, he says:

"We have argued that question very often and have tried to give the definition of these terms and their bearing in North Carolina as we understand it, but we have never been able to make others see it. In fact, in very few of the jurisdictions is the word 'exclusion' used."

We have, more than once, suggested that the word "suspension," as a result of non-payment of dues, is misapplied and has led by slow degrees to a wrong conception of the nature of that breach of contract in contradistinction to offences which come under the head of unmasonic conduct. Companion Southgate is undoubtedly right in his interpretation. In older days the distinction was made clear and the brother who failed to make good his agreement with his lodge was simply excluded from the privileges of that lodge, but his membership in the fraternity was not affected. Nowadays a brother "suspended for any cause" is an offender beyond the pale. He who fails to make good his periodical contribution to his lodge is bracketed with him who commits a grave offence against Masonry. Such was never intended, but of such is this "progressive age" in certain "spots." Perusing recently the laws of the Grand Lodge of Ireland we find that the distinction admits of no doubt. Clause No. 156 reads: "No Brother shall be suspended for non-payment of dues to his Lodge, but the Lodge shall have the power of 'striking off its roll' any member more than twelve months in arrear of dues, etc."

John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand High Priest.

Jas. C. Munds, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota

Chapters .. 18.

Members .. 1932.

A neatly tinted group photo of a dozen Companions who have been elected to the chief office is a welcome contribution to the printed proceedings of North Dakota's Twentieth Annual Convocation. In addition, the genial countenance of Grand High Priest Frank H. Sprague

adorns the forefront of the pamphlet and beams out over a suit of brown tweed and the ever-present button.

In the forenoon of the summer festival, June 24th, 1909, and in the Grand Forks Masonic Temple, he welcomed the Companions and congratulated them upon North Dakota's "harmonious conditions." He deplored the deaths of Grand Treasurer Alex. C. Mather and Grand Lecturer George L. McGregor.

He issued a dispensation for a new Chapter at Enderlin with thirty-one petitioners. In minor instances his consent was granted or refused with wise discretion.

"I am inclined to believe the necessity for such requests is occasioned by carelessness on the part of the officers, especially the secretary, who, if keen to do his duty, would spare his Chapter embarrassment, and the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary unnecessary annoyance.

"There seems to be an impression existing with some of our Companions that the Grand High Priest is clothed with authority superior to the statutes, and that only his permission is necessary to justify irregular proceedings."

The report of Grand Secretary Thompson, which he introduces in characteristic fashion, is pleasant reading. He has the Chapters well in hand and all responded to the call for returns. He makes special mention of those which were especially prompt, and he thus explains one premature arrival:

"Companion Laurence G. Moultrie, our Grand Sentinel, is the secretary of Cheyenne Chapter. An opportunity was presented to him to visit England this summer. In order to close matters before he left he took time by the forelock, pulled out a few hairs and was obliged to buy a wig and report that work was done by his Chapter after closing his report. Companion Moultrie is not with us to-day, but is breathing the air which developed the Anglo-Saxon race."

Referring to the peaceful condition of the jurisdiction. he says:

"Our court-room has so long been silent that cobwebs are woven over the bench, and lilies have sprung up between the cracks in the floor, and the Æolian harp sounds its monotonous harmony, as the winds of good-will chase around its strings.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals have blinked out of the windows, lo, these many years, awaiting the trouble that never came."

He possesses a singular faculty for evolving theories of the fearful and wonderful variety, and with an ingenuity all his own makes them fit in. We feel confident our readers will pardon this lengthy clip. It is not necessary that they should read it, but it is just as well to remember that the North Dakota Companions stood it manfully and survived:

"In closing, may we digress into the origin of ideas. Doubtless we all have read of Esau, and of Jacob and his twelve sons. How many of us have ever surmised that, consciously or unconsciously, in the story of Jacob, we find some of the origin of things in the Chapter. Stripped from the tale woven about this patriarch is a wonderful truth. In Esau we have the hairy man representing the darkness. Jacob supplanted him, and received his heritage for a mess of pottage, and he in turn was overcome by a stranger just as the day breaks. Jacob represents the red, or the first rays of the sun, the early morning.

"The four veils used in the Chapter are of late origin. The old English lectures refer to three only—Blue, Purple and Red. The Chapter degrees are often called the red degrees. This term is largely used in this country at the present time, but formerly the Chapter degrees were also referred to as the scarlet degrees. The color red was used by all Semetic nations as an insignia of rank and honor. In the solar myth, the color blue applied to the sky, the universe, illusions, the Maya, the Mary, from which the sun, the light, the Saviour of life came. Esau, night, had his birthright taken from him by Jacob, the early dawn, the red. Jacob wrestled with the man, the angel, the dawn, the purple. In other words, darkness was outwitted by the red light of morning, and this early dawn overcome by day.

"In the psycho-economic phase, we have Esau, the hunter, the primitive condition, displaced by Jacob, the early day, the first crystallization of tribal existence. The national impulse is typified by the wrestler who broke Jacob's thigh, and Jacob became Israel. This solar myth became interwoven with economic changes, and the colors, blue, purple and scarlet, or red, became the sacred colors of the ancient Hebrews, and have come down to us in the Capitular degrees, as have the twelve officers of the Chapter from the twelve sons of Jacob. Other ancient people had similar traditions, but to the Biblical origin, more directly than any other, can be traced the traditions upon which the Chapter is founded, and therefore, we call attention to the

beginning of the colors of the Chapter that we may realize a link which holds the old to the new, and may excite even greater admiration for an order which retains so vividly the thoughts and beliefs of the past.

"There is much in our institution to which we are indifferent, because we do not understand, and because, perhaps, familiarity with outward forms dulls the spirit of inquiry; yet the great tocsin which Capitular Masonry sounds is the greatest of all human attributes—that of Truth. From this great ocean springs every sentiment which makes for the possibility of civilized life, and the relations of one with another. We may drop it, we may evade it, we may banish it, but we cannot destroy it, for it is eternal and all-pervading.

"May our gathering be as refreshing as the blue, as intimate as the purple, and our friendships as fervid as the red."

The Committee dealing with his report, having referred the purely business sections, closed with

"That all other matters contained in his report not herein specifically referred to, do not need reference."

Which was rather a curt way of disposing of "The Red, White and Blue." It is noted that North Dakota has a balance on hand of \$7,280. Surely with such affluence the two thousand Companions of the jurisdiction might reasonably be regaled with a report on Correspondence from so competent a Grand Secretary and the manipulator of such a facile pen.

As formerly, Companion Thompson presented the jewel to the retiring Grand High Priest, and this is how he describes his "steenth" effort at "paralyzing" the embarrassed recipient:

"The Grand Secretary, in the innoxious grandeur of a negative pregnant, mounted upon his pedal extremities, and functioning with his vocal organs, set the acoustic properties of the lodge room at work conveying his appreciation of the retiring Grand High Priest, and in the mortuary cadence of his conclusion, and in behalf of the Grand Chapter presented M. E. Companion Frank H. Sprague with a beautiful Past Grand High Priest's jewel."

Alex. B. Taylor, Fargo, Grand High Priest.

Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Nova Scotia

Chapters .. 17.

Members .. 1200.

The neat volume containing the proceedings of the Fortieth Annual Convocation at Halifax on the 8th June, 1909, presents a fine portrait of our good friend the M. E. Grand High Priest Comp. Thomas Van B. Bingay of Yarmouth, who appears arrayed in the sash and apron of dual colors adopted by those jurisdictions practising the Royal Arch of the English system. Nova Scotia, for reasons best known to itself, followed the working of the United States system, and would naturally be expected to clothe itself in American garb to maintain consistency. But so it is, and the portrait is in no wise marred by its English environment.

According to figures compiled by the Grand Secretary the membership at organization forty years ago was 92, comprised in 3 Chapters. The jurisdiction, which embraces Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, possesses in this year of grace 17 Chapters and 1200 members, indicating, the compiler adds, "a steady and healthy growth."

Four only of the Chapters were unrepresented at the Convocation, which showed a good attendance, and the Grand High Priest's address expressed gratification thereat.

His tribute to the departed included the name of James Dempster, who seven years previously had ruled Grand Chapter wisely and well.

Fifteen hundred miles did the G. H. P. cover in his praiseworthy efforts to convey light and encouragement to the Chapters. His experiences of the Halifax bodies led him to recommend amalgamation, mildly rebuking veteran and honored Companions for their inactivity.

"In spite of the heavy increase in membership in the symbolic lodges in the city of Halifax during the past twenty years, the combined membership of both Chapters is only forty in excess of the number then upon their rolls; and Royal Union No. 1 shows eleven members *less* than they then had."

Nothing healthy in that growth. Is it that the English clothing is too weighty for American conditions or *vice versa*?

The Chapter established at Summerside, P.E. I., waned in activity, and by dispensation was transplanted to Kensington, and he recommended its permanent location there, as the Companions had little hope of a re-kindling of enthusiasm at its former home.

Two questions were submitted by one of the Chapters and his reply in each case will interest:

"Have we jurisdiction over a member of ——— Lodge, No. —, R. N. S., ———, who for the past year and a half has resided in Cobalt, Ont., and who intends returning thither; his visit to his old home being only temporary?

"Answer.—It is clear that membership in a Lodge situated within your territorial jurisdiction does not *per se* place the applicant under the jurisdiction of your Chapter. As the applicant has resided continuously for a sufficient length of time to qualify him for the Chapter degrees under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada (in Ontario), I am of the opinion that he must be recognized by you merely as a visitor to his old home, and that he is now and, for some time past, has been under the jurisdiction and the material of the Chapter at, or near, Cobalt, in Ontario, where he has been domiciled for one and a half years, and to which place he intends returning. His petition cannot be acted upon without obtaining a waiver of jurisdiction, which hardly seems justifiable under the circumstances."

The decision is clearly in accord with general usage and is in line with that of the Grand Chapter of Canada (in Ontario) *sic*—

"A Master Mason, whilst an active member of a Lodge, made application for the Capitular degrees, and received them in our Chapter. Subsequently he took his dimit from both his Lodge and Chapter, but now wishes to affiliate again with his Chapter, while yet dimitted from his Lodge. Is this permissible?

"Answer.—As dependent membership is not recognized by this Grand Chapter, except as a requirement for candidates, a dimitted Companion need not necessarily be an active member of a Blue Lodge at the time of his applying for membership in a Chapter."

The above decision is clearly not in accord with (American) general usage, but is undoubtedly in harmony with Masonic principle.

Closing an admirable address, the Grand High Priest deplored the apathy which existed in the ranks of the Craft and the lack of aspiration to seek further knowledge.

"Probably not three out of five of those who are initiated into Free Masonry ever become students of its mysteries. They may go so far as to acquire a parrot-like superficial acquaintance with the ritualistic work and lectures, and consider it an infringement of the Landmarks if they omitted to include all the bad grammar and composition introduced gradually by others as ignorant as themselves; but as regards its deeper symbolic-philosophic teaching, they know nothing. The growth of the numberless friendly secret organizations is undoubtedly responsible in a great measure for this.

"We occasionally have in the past in the exemplification of the work in some Lodges and Chapters seen evidences of the demoralizing influences of some of these societies on Freemasonry, through the introduction into the adjuncts of the ritualistic work innovations undoubtedly borrowed from the superficial rituals of such societies abounding in 'horse-play,' absurd imitations of our sublime Masonic traditions, and appeals generally to a low standard of intellect."

Nova Scotia has a "Masonic Home" at Windsor and one hundred dollars was voted towards its maintenance.

To M. E. Comps. Black, Waddell and Bingay was entrusted the duty of preparing a report on Correspondence. To the second of the illustrious trio fell Canada's jubilee volume, and he appears to have given it consistent attention, a little of which he devotes to the reviewer.

"That reminds us that he has not forgotten—we know he has forgiven—an innocent remark we once made to the effect that the title 'Grand Chapter of Canada' is somewhat of a misnomer at the present day and suggests that we recommend a substitute. But then we have not asked for a change; we have only intimated that the present title might lead to misconception on the part of some at a distance who, perhaps, are not as well posted as to local conditions as they should be."

The distinction is so delicate as to be almost imperceptible. Now who is asking for a change? It may have been remarked that the Grand High Priest in one of his

decisions ingeniously inserted "in Ontario" after the words "Grand Chapter of Canada" and repeats this clever discovery elsewhere. The other member of this sagacious triumvirate, under Rhode Island, delivers himself as follows:

"In reading over the work of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we note a review under the heading 'Canada,' and we would most fraternally point out that after the word 'Canada' these words should appear in brackets (In the Province of Ontario)."

All of which goes to show that "we three did agree," with heads wagging in unity, to crib, cabin and confine the usefulness of this Grand body to a unit of its great jurisdiction. Now "we would most fraternally point out" to these three wise prototypes of the Tooley Street citizens of old, a section of "Canada's" constitution, which reads:

"This Grand Chapter is a body of Royal Arch Masons in which is invested the government and care of Capitular Masonry within the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia and the Northwest Territories in the Dominion of Canada."

Does the concentrated wisdom of those sapient Companions realize what that means? In the territory embraced under Canada's jurisdiction there are just 3,162,000 square miles. For the rest of Canada, which comprises three Grand Chapters, viz., Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia (with P. E. I. appropriated), there are 244,541 square miles, and of these Quebec enjoys nearly 200,000 and isn't saying a blessed word.

The writer went out this summer to visit a few of the Chapters of this jurisdiction outside Ontario, one of them, indeed, considerably farther away from that province than Halifax is from Heligoland. He saw and communed with the Companions in thirty or more of these active working Chapters, all proudly hailing from the Grand Chapter of Canada, and to do this had to cover considerably over twelve thousand miles of actual travel "outside Ontario." (These words should appear in brackets.)

We agree with Companion Waddell that to "some not posted in local conditions as they should be" it is possible that comparing the jurisdictions there might be some difficulty in locating one of them. The time may come when the suggestion so gratuitously offered may be accepted, but to do so just now would be decidedly premature. Submitting it (in brackets) to the Rhode Island Committee is really too amusing and recalls the title of Landseer's well-known picture of the two dogs as being excusably appropriate.

How would "Grand Chapter of half Canada" do? It might please the "we three" of Nova Scotia, but would it be correct? "Three-fourths" would not be a bit nearer the mark, and the lack of euphony might outrage sensitive ears. We really would like to accommodate our good Companions with "in Ontario" as a caudal appendage to the existing title, but a regard for veracity bids us hesitate. What would be thought of us by possible "fur-lined" constituents at the newly discovered Pole whence the motto *magna est veritas* was recently brought? It is positively heart-breaking to be compelled to decline the suggestions of Nova Scotia's conscientious reformers, but, like the boy hero of the hatchet, "we cannot, really we cannot, tell a lie."

Malcolm McF. Hall, Halifax, Grand High Priest.

S. J. Waddell, Truro, Grand Secretary.

Ohio

Chapters . . 167.

Members . . 27,337.

Companion Lewis M. Lea, M. E. Grand High Priest, supported by a complete staff of officers, presided over the Ninety-second Annual Convocation in Cleveland on the morning of the 7th October, 1908.

"The Grand Officers and members of the Grand Chapter assembled at the Colonial Hotel at 9 o'clock a.m., and were escorted to the Masonic Temple by a large detachment of Knights Templars from Oriental No. 12, Holyrood No. 32, and Forest City No. 40, Commanderies."

The armed escort wasn't an absolute necessity, of course, and it is presumed that the Grand officers could have reached the Masonic Temple without molestation, but it was really good of the Knights Templars to volunteer the protection of their swords, to say nothing of the display of feathers, wherewith to awe the scoffing profane. Who knows what personal inconvenience those valiant Knights experienced in thus sacrificing their valuable time to do a fraternal action? Bless their nodding plumes.

"The Grand Chapter being honored by the presence of Companions George D. Copeland, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M.; Warren J. Baker, M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M.; Ralph R. Rickly, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Ohio; Orestes A. B. Senter, M. P. Past General Grand Master; and Graff M. Acklin, R. P. Dep. General Grand Master of the General Grand Council R. & S. M., of the United States of America, were introduced by M. E. Comp. William T. McLean, and received with the Grand Honors and escorted to the East."

Enough to deprive any ordinary presiding officer of breath, yet the Grand High Priest seemed to survive the dazzling inrush of official brilliancy and delivered his address without a tremor. He mourned the death of Robert V. Hampson, who for twenty-three years held the office of Grand Treasurer.

"He thoroughly believed in the great truths of Freemasonry and impressed them by his daily life. His inflexible integrity and honesty of purpose, combined with a kindly, genial disposition, made him an ideal companion and friend.

"Sleep on, dear friend, such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain,
But shed an influence rare, divine,
On those that here remain."

Dispensations for two new Chapters were issued by him, and he declined to issue authority to instal a guard "one hundred and twenty-seven days after his election." He was not called upon for decisions upon anything new.

He had three invitations to assist at the dedication of new Masonic temples, at two of which he was present, and all of which were attended with imposing ceremonies. As a visitor he did good and beneficial service.

Under the heading "Foreign Jurisdictions" he included the correspondence from Canada re the conferring of the P. M. degree. His prompt action and the courteous replies from Grand Secretary Hagenbach were duly acknowledged in our last year's report on that matter.

The Grand Secretary reported the net gain in membership for the year as 1639, being 230 less than the gain of the preceding year.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the matter of the correspondence between the Grand High Priest of Ohio and the Grand Chapter of Canada, concerning the conferring of the Past Master's degree, reported:

"That it has carefully read and considered the letters which have been exchanged in connection therewith, and recommends that the action of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest prohibiting in the future any such conduct on the part of Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, be approved as being fully in accordance with the established Masonic law and usage, and in furtherance of the courtesy and comity existing between Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.

"As your committee is convinced that the prompt action of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest will prevent a repetition of the acts complained of, it does not deem it necessary to recommend any additional legislation upon the subject."

Thirty Companions answered to the roll call of Grand Representatives. Had Canada's envoy been within hail there would have been thirty-one. He evidently overlooked the axiom of one B. O'Lynn that "there's luck in odd numbers."

The thoughtfully prepared and ably written Correspondence report by the veteran M. E. Comp. W. M. Cunningham is rendered doubly interesting because it was his last. Full of years and honors, this well-loved Companion was gathered to his fathers on the 16th August, 1909, but his memory will remain green while even one Companion is left to recall his faithful and conscientious labours in the Craft field.

His final contribution, which shows no sign of decaying energy, opens with an extract from a paper on the Divine Name by a learned Hebraist, Rev. Jacob Werren, and another paper on "Masonic Diplomas" by Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley of Dublin, showing the methods employed in Ireland when dealing with unvouched visitors.

His review of Canada for 1908 was very complete, and little, if anything, of interest in that jubilee year is overlooked.

"At the Jubilee banquet, M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Historian, delivered a very able and interesting address 'On the Origin of the Royal Arch Degree' and the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada. In his introductory he concedes that Speculative Masonry existed 'centuries before the Grand Lodge era of 1717,' and that the existence of the Royal Arch degree as early as 1740 is fully established.

"The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was formed January 19th, 1857, with M. E. Comp. Col. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master of Masons in Canada, as Grand Z., and R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris as Grand Scribe E. (Grand Secretary).

"The officers of the Grand Chapter were installed by M. E. Comp. Czar Jones, Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Michigan.

"The name of M. E. Comp. Wilson is always suggestive to the writer of reminiscences of the delightful companionship of a few days with him and other eminent Masons at a Southern Masonic function in that year (or possibly it may have been a year later), and a half-century has not blurred its remembrance."

Touching the Correspondence report and its writer, he observed:

"His conservative views and pertinent comments throughout his report are of special interest, even if one differs from his conclusions, which is but seldom, however, with your committee, except, it may be, in the matter of independent membership, in which the writer holds rather more optimistic views, in that connection, in his opinion, than our esteemed Companion seems to entertain in his strictures thereon throughout his report.

"The Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence is said to be 'an admirable report throughout, and well repays perusal.' Liberal quotations are approvingly made from the report, all of which is especially appreciated by the Chairman of your Committee.

"Under Pennsylvania, Companion Bennett justly defends visitations in England, and quotes the statement of the *London Freemason* that 'Every brother, from whatever province, district, or foreign jurisdiction, is gladly welcomed,' but that it is expected that a brother inviting a guest to the banquet, that usually follows work, will pay the cost of his ticket, each brother paying for his own, and there being usually no especial provision made for visitors."

Under Scotland, he extracted some portions of the leading speeches delivered at the "Festival of the Vernal Equinox," notably that of Grand Secretary David Reid, who laid stress upon the efforts of the Scottish authorities "to raise the tone of the Craft" in that country, and stating that he had it "on the very highest authority that Scottish Freemasonry was well thought of in all parts of the world."

Now the late Companion Cunningham was not wont to make rash statements. He was invariably cautious and shrunk instinctively from any expression that might possibly wound by reason of mis-statement.

In his observations on the Grand Secretary's utterance we may rest assured that his knowledge was grounded upon something more than hearsay.

"It may not be out of place to suggest to our Fraters of Scotland that if conferring degrees in Scotland upon American travelers or temporary residents by their Subordinate Bodies, was prohibited it would add greatly to the estimation of Scottish Freemasonry in America. It is not a pleasant feature to have one who cannot 'pass muster' in an American Lodge to visit Scotland and come back with a certificate as a member—perhaps for life—of a Scottish Lodge of Freemasons."

Closing, he offered a word of counsel, which may have had its birth in the eagerness displayed by the thoughtless urging of one or two writers who desire to see their particular jurisdiction in the lead numerically:

"The Chairman of your Committee is impelled to again mention the continued growth and prosperity of Capitalar Masonry, and that its great popularity demands that greater precautions than ever should prevail in every subordinate Chapter in the selection of its membership, that none but those who are deserving may be permitted to participate in its mysteries."

Edward H. Archer, Columbus, Grand High Priest.

Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

Oklahoma

Chapters . . 62.

Members . . 3183.

This Grand jurisdiction met under its old name, Indian Territory, in its Twentieth Annual Convocation in the Indian Temple at Oklahoma City on the 20th April, 1909.

M. E. Comp. D. M. Hailey welcomed the Companions.

"I was one of the first Royal Arch Masons made in the Indian Territory, and to-day, by the grace of God, I remain the only one left of that team; Dr. H. B. Smith and James Holland, the other two, have been called to that beautiful Arch above, not made with hands, and they await our coming; and to-day I stand before you perhaps the last Grand High Priest of said Territory. It is certainly a coincidence never before in the history of our order that the first Companion who journeyed from Babylon to Jerusalem should be permitted to live to see the outer veils of the New Tabernacle, once the country of the Indians, the greatest agricultural, coal, gas and oil fields of the world, and the brightest star on the azure field of Old Glory."

"And the band played—" But on second glance it appears that the music is not accounted for in the proceedings. He told a long story of his visits to many of the Chapters, where he did good work and enjoyed himself.

He recommended that the subordinate Chapters be permitted to retain their present charters as a matter of history, but that they be signed by the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, and an imprint of the new seal of the State of Oklahoma affixed.

The Masonic Home, which has now over forty inmates, received a measure of his attention, and he cordially appealed for support, recommending a donation of five hundred dollars.

He also recommended that Grand Chapter "follow the lead" set by others and adopt the dependent membership "doctrine," and, of course, Grand Chapter fell into line.

Interesting as usual was the report of the veteran Grand Secretary Murrow, and it was made more so by a historical sketch of the twenty years of Grand Chapter's existence.

The worthy Companion, who has for years been the Committee on Correspondence, stated that because of pressure of work the past winter in connection with his duties to the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, preparing a final report to that body, and also the Grand Communication at Guthrie consolidating the two Grand Lodges, he found it too much for him to prepare a report on Correspondence for the Grand Chapter, and so he turned it over to Companion R. Y. Morrison, Past Grand High Priest.

Yet it is Companion Murrow who introduces the report, and it is he who signs the brief valedictory which leads off thus:

"My work is done. Once more I lay down the pen to rest from my labors. I bespeak for this my last report for the old Indian Territory, your charitable consideration."

Canada's fiftieth anniversary claimed his very close attention and he gave to it considerable of his space. With a bias to the work himself, he seizes upon M. E. Comp. Robertson's historical address with appreciative avidity and culls from it to the extent of six pages. He says: "It was a remarkable production, a veritable encyclopedia of Masonic, especially Capitular, facts. The writer has for many years been engaged upon historical work, requiring much original labor and research. He, therefore, appreciates more fully than many can how much time and labor have been expended by Companion Robertson, as well as of money, in the preparation of such an address, not to speak of the still more considerable works which he has published upon Masonic subjects. It would be impossible to give a just abstract of this paper. It was not an oration intended for rhetorical effects. He had a more serious and important purpose to serve. He has boiled his thoughts down to the fewest words which

he could use and retain the connection of the ideas. To report such an address properly would mean hardly less than a reproduction. We must select only what seem to us the leading thoughts. Nor should we do this if the address were of the ordinary type of addresses given upon such occasions; but this paper may be called 'one out of a thousand.'"

I. H. G. Hulme, Weatherford, Grand High Priest.

Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

Oregon

Chapters . . 29.

Members . . 2774.

Comp. Albert Henry Steiner, M. E. Grand High Priest, presided over the Forty-ninth Annual in Portland on the 14th June, 1909.

His portrait graces the volume of Proceedings as a frontispiece, and were it not for the palpable evidence of "early piety" one would be inclined to express surprise at his apparent youth. He was born as far back as 1873.

However that may be, he is a progressivist and is not shy in exhibiting the badge that proclaims him such.

He had everything good to say of Grand Chapter's welfare. Nothing out of the ordinary had occurred to tinge his visible locks with premature grey.

Two new Chapters were authorized by him, and he permitted the time limit law to be violated on a few occasions. He deplored the fact

"that my employment is such that it requires my constant attention, and prevented me from making many visits to the various Chapters throughout the jurisdiction with the exception of Multnomah No. 1, where I visited many times and was received with uniform kindness and consideration, as I am sure I would have been had I been permitted to visit others."

Sad, but these things will happen so frequently when that particular year comes along.

During the year fatal accident bereaved Oregon of Past Grand High Priest John H. F. Irvine, a Companion held in high esteem, and just before the Annual Convocation news arrived of the death of M. E. Comp. R. F. Gibbons, who ruled Grand Chapter in 1887.

Grand Lecturer Coshow lived up to his office by delivering an address on the lessons of the Royal Arch, for which he was duly thanked, and later a distinctive collar and jewel was ordered for his wear.

Companion Hodson, the genial Correspondent, furnished another of his attractive reports and, as usual, it makes excellent reading. To his Companions he says at the outset:

"If you will devote a tithe of the time to the study of the principles taught in the extracts it contains, that we have to their selection, you will appreciate more fully the important place occupied by the Capitular degrees in the great system of religious philosophy, known as Freemasonry."

The Alabama man expressed agreement with him on the question of necessity for the presence of the charter, and he remarked,

"It makes us realize more vividly than ever that it will soon be that there will be a new race of Pharoes 'who knew not Joseph' in charge, and the Modern Improvement Co. will be in full charge, as the older ones drop from the ranks and men take their places who are only skilled in modern Corporation laws."

There he hits a nail squarely on the head. It gives one a pain to peruse the disquisitions of the learned moderns when they come to recklessly venture opinions of the antiquities and history of the Craft.

"It is always a pleasing duty to peruse the big red book from Canada, as it is the record of the doings of a large lot of able, industrious, English-speaking brethren, so nearly like Uncle Sam's boys and yet so very different that we can always be both entertained and instructed."

He agrees heartily with the ruling against Royal Arch clothing at Masonic funerals, and adds that he knows of no public occasion upon which he considers Royal Arch clothing appropriate." Having thrown a bouquet or two at the writer, he says:

"He holds extensive discussion with Comp. Warvelle, of Illinois, regarding the Chapter degrees, their officers, and origin of the places and titles, in which he has the better of the historical facts so far as known, but when it comes to the unknown, Warvelle has the advantage. Remember Warvelle was the first Grand High Priest to decide that the presence of the charter was not necessary to the legality of a meeting, and applied ordinary corporation law to the management of Masonic affairs."

The question of relative membership was under discussion by Companion Clarke of Kentucky, in which the latter gave as a reason for dwelling on it "because, in our opinion, a vital question affecting Masonic rights is involved." This has been our own mainstay for adverse contention, and Companion Hodson is in line.

"There certainly should be a distinction between Lodge action and Chapter. If Lodge suspends, Lodge restores, Chapter has nothing to say about it. If the Chapter suspends then the Chapter restores, the Lodge has nothing to say about it nor does it have any lodge effect until itself takes action."

Hope he'll maintain that independent attitude throughout all phases of the controversy.

The report teems with good things, but much as we are tempted we have to refrain.

Edward E. Kiddle, Island City, Grand High Priest.

Jas. F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania

Chapters . . 131.

Members . . 29,594.

A colored picture of the beautiful Renaissance Hall, devoted to Chapter purposes in Philadelphia's imposing Masonic Temple, is the frontispiece to the printed Proceedings of 1908.

Illness, we regret to observe, prevented Grand Secretary Cary's attendance at the Quarterly and Annual Conventions, Companion Stockton Bates acting in his place.

Petitions for new Chapters were received and other routine business transacted in March. In June the death of Past Grand High Priest James Shalcross Barber was announced.

"He loved the principles and teachings of the Fraternity and made them manifest in his life. Happy was that body which possessed him as a Past Officer. He permitted nothing to interfere with his attendance and his presence assured the presiding officer that all worthy ones who knocked at the portals would be duly vouched for and admitted. Happy was the occupant of the Oriental Chair in knowing that an epitome of the law was within easy reach of consultation."

The Grand Secretary's statistical report, submitted in September, showed the net gain for the previous year as 1486.

At the December quarterly Grand High Priest William B. Meredith touchingly referred to the loss sustained by Grand Chapter in the death of Past Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Matthias H. Henderson, who for years was a valued member of the Committee on Correspondence and to whose care the reviewing of Canada's proceedings was invariably consigned. A prominent characteristic was "his deep reverence for and adherence to the landmarks of our fraternity, that fraternity which has its greatest object, and finds its highest fulfilment, in the elevation of its members to a higher standard of conduct in this world, and at the same time keeps their eyes upturned to receive in the future life the reward that omnipotence alone can give, and which no finite hand can take away."

On the 28th December, 1908, the Annual Grand Convocation was opened at seven o'clock in the evening by Grand High Priest Meredith with a large attendance.

The Grand High Priest had few decisions to render and fewer dispensations to issue. He ruled that the officers' sceptres must be red and that a Chapter hall, Chapter name or Chapter funds cannot be used for any purpose that is not strictly Masonic in every respect. The use of either must be confined exclusively to Masons.

He shortened the period for a brother who was compelled on account of ill health to seek a different climate, his life depending upon the change. He was more than anxious to be exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason before leaving.

He announced that Comp. Samuel Shaw had been appointed and recognized as the Representative from the Grand Chapter of Canada to this Grand Chapter in place of M.E. Comp. Thomas Ranken Patton, deceased.

Very properly he denounced the growing tendency to late hours, pointing out the injustice done to the home as well as furnishing a weapon to those hostile to Freemasonry.

One would have imagined that Pennsylvania would have been a model for uniformity, but the G. H. P. says it is otherwise.

"In Grand and informal visitations, we learn that many Chapters are not able to do the work as required by the Grand Chapter, simply from the fact that they have been unable to obtain the work. These visitations may in time produce the desired results, but the method is too slow. The time is now, and action should be taken at once to cure the defect.

"Among the many provisions of great importance is the one in reference to 'Masonic clothing.' The idea is uniformity, but such does not exist in this Jurisdiction to-day, and the condition is not creditable to the Grand Chapter."

Four new Chapters were added to the roll, which he considered an unusual record. That he was faithful to the trust placed in him as an officer of Grand Chapter is revealed in his closing words, which, if interpreted as a boast, is a most pardonable one, for there are few who could claim an equal devotion to duty.

"In the six years in which I have served as a Grand Chapter officer, I have never missed a meeting, traveling from almost the extreme Western part of the State to this city, through the heat of summer and cold of winter, thus enabling me to comply with my obligations in the performance of every duty."

His successor in office, Carl A. Sundstrom, in presenting him with a jewel, dwelt on the sentiment of the festive season, "Peace on earth," etc.

"In the Scandinavian countries Christmas is continued for twenty days, with festivities of various kinds, and the presentation of gifts. It is indeed a happy coincidence that a native of the Land of the Midnight Sun should be permitted to commemorate a custom of the land of his birth by presenting a gift from the Grand Chapter on this occasion when the Christmas festivities in Philadelphia are supposed to have ended."

Past Grand High Priest J. H. Williams, for this occasion only, takes up the pen that fell from the hand of the late Companion Henderson of the Committee on Correspondence. His kindly review of Canada includes a remark of ours touching a decision of his regarding Pennsylvania's adherence to absolute physical perfection.

"R.E. Comp. Bennett thinks G. H. P. Williams too exacting in his views on physical perfection. Well, the writer did not think so when he stated these views, nor has time and reflection induced a change. It is submitted that no new doctrine was announced, simply a statement of the law as it had existed from time immemorial—as it has been handed down and 'as it was, is now, and ever will be,' we hope, in this jurisdiction."

We are still of the opinion, however, that the absence of any blemish in the human make-up is as difficult of discovery as the philosopher's stone.

Carl A. Sundstrom, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

Charles Cary, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec

Chapters .. II.

Members .. 1219.

The neatly printed, scarlet-bordered pages of Quebec's yearly record are always welcome. The story this year is of the Thirty-second Annual Convocation held at Montreal on the 23rd March, 1909, and presided over by Companion Harry G. Elliott, Grand First Principal Z. There was the usual good attendance, and our old-time friend, M.E. Comp. Will H. Whyte, bore Canada's credentials as of yore.

M.E. Comp. I. H. Stearns referred to the absence of the Grand Treasurer, M.E. Comp. George O. Stanton, through illness, and moved a sympathetic resolution.

The deaths of R.E. Comps. R. W. Williams, Past Grand Third Principal, and W. A. Taylor, Past Grand Superintendent, were reported.

Illness and death in his family, followed by his own enforced absence from home through sickness, prevented the Grand Z. from carrying out his well-meant resolve of a personal visit to all the Chapters. He nevertheless covered much ground late in the year.

The Grand Superintendents did efficient work in the inspection line and made good reports. He of the Stadacona District reported the deaths of R.E. Comp. R. W. Williams of Shawenegan Chapter, who was Grand Superintendent of the district in 1886, and of Comp. Carl L. A. Kuhring, who was for over 25 years Scribe N of Stadacona Chapter.

The Grand Scribe E. reported a net gain of 67 for the year, every Chapter but one adding new members to its roll.

The indefatigable Grand Lecturer presented as usual a gratifying report, which gave an excellent idea of the working capabilities of the various Chapters, though in some cases the use of ancient ritual is adhered to with a singular tenacity.

"I sincerely hope that the Ritual adopted and issued by the Grand Chapter will, in the near future, be the only one used, thus making the Chapters in our jurisdiction a unit in this respect. During the month of January last I was present at an installation of officers, where an obsolete form of ceremonies was used; while these instances may appear to many as unimportant, yet personally I cannot help thinking it is highly desirable that the rites and ceremonies adopted in this jurisdiction should be observed, and these are fully set forth in the rituals authorized and issued by the Grand Chapter of Quebec."

The Grand Scribe E., "by request," brought forward the question of the tri-colored sash, which until recent years had been only worn by the elective officers of Grand Chapter, and asked on behalf of a number of the Companions that Grand Chapter should rule on the subject,

not interfering, however, with any existing custom or habit in the past, but for future guidance only, and to bring Grand Chapter into its original custom.

It was therefore resolved that the wearing of the tri-color sash, as per regulation of Grand Chapter, be restricted in the future to the elective officers of Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, introducing his always entertaining report on Correspondence, said:

“ ‘Peace, progress and prosperity’ is the glad acclaim from every quarter of the Capitular world, whereat we exceedingly rejoice.

“No contentious matter divides the Craft, there is no strife within, amongst the Companions, and no danger threatens from without.

“All this is certainly cause for congratulation and thankfulness.

“The membership of North American Royal Arch Chapters is now well over the 350,000 mark, and the exaltations exceed 25,000 annually.”

He very favorably reviews this end of the Canadian field, having our Proceedings for 1909 under inspection.

His lively tilting with Companion Hodson, of Oregon, makes good reading. The latter is strenuous in his advocacy of legislating against the admission of the liquor dealer, while Companion Chambers is equally strong in opposition, holding that the ballot box should be the arbiter on the ground that Lodge and Chapter possess rights which no grand body should interfere with. Companion Hodson having suggested that the Quebec man had insinuated something not according to the amenities, remarked, “and it all came about because we advocate keeping whiskey sellers and drunkards out of the fraternity by law, instead of trusting to Lodges and Chapters.” Here is his rejoinder:

“Yes, in the first instance the whole issue arises out of the efforts of himself and others to take out of the hands of Lodges and Chapters their undoubted right to pass upon the eligibility

of candidates, limited only by the requirements of the landmarks; and to force upon them modern class legislation, conveying the implication that not one Brother or Companion, be that one the most proper member of his Lodge or Chapter, can be trusted to use the dark ballot when it should be used, and that therefore it is necessary for compulsion to be used in the matter by Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter.

"But there was more than this to call out our remark, and we do not propose to pass unnoticed the attempted shifting of the grounds of the case, which is the accustomed habit of Companion Hodson and of those who support his policy in this connection; a habit which is well illustrated by his avoidance of that part of our argument which destroys every possible justification that he has assumed for the insinuations contained in his 1906 report.

"Therefore we shall continue to reproduce, year after year, so long as his uncalled-for insinuations may render it necessary, that when he told us that if we stand upon the landmarks only, we would not find a single splinter of a plank beneath our feet authorizing or encouraging the making of Masons from material other than 'the good man and true,' we promptly resented his inuendoes.

"We equally resent the gratuitous statement in his last review that

"'A Grand Chapter which will not shut them (saloon-keepers) out by law . . . is not developed to the highest plane of excellence.'

"Our own Grand Chapter, and we are also proud to say, the majority of the Grand Chapters of America and of the world, have confidence enough in their subordinate Chapters to entrust them with that full and complete exercise of the ballot which has been their constitutional right through all the preceding ages. We do not need to be reminded of the fact that our Grand Chapters have not developed to the highest plane of excellence, for we know as well as he does that no human institution ever has attained or ever will attain that plane here below. The underlying insinuation, however, without which his statement means, nothing at all—that such Grand Chapters as he supports in this connection are nearer 'the highest plane of excellence' than the other kind is simply insulting, since it all depends upon the amount of confidence that Grand Chapters place in their subordinates whether or not they prescribe and enforce class legislation upon them."

All of which goes to show to what lengths our brethren in certain centres are prepared to go in their craze to introduce oily legislation into the pure water of a fraternity which was never intended for any such

experimental mixing. Companion Hodson's views with regard to the liquor dealer are his own, and he is entitled to them, but when he attempts to make the governing body of the Craft a medium to stop free-will application, he must expect resentment from those who regard such attacks on the ancient privileges of the Craft as hurtful to the basis of the institution. From that standpoint, we must say that we are in hearty agreement with Comp. Chambers. "There's a place for everything, and everything in its place," and the place for the extremist and fanatic is not in Freemasonry.

An Irish newspaper that came to our hands recently furnished an account of the latest election to vacancies in the Masonic Orphan Boys School, an admirable institution, of which the Irish fraternity is justly proud. There were twenty applications for nine places, and among the leaders in the fortunate nine was a boy whose dead father was described as "Bro. —, spirit dealer, Belfast," and giving the lodges with which the deceased was associated in his lifetime. That little boy by reason of his father's devotion to and popularity in the Craft is assured not only a course of high-class education to fit him for the battle of life, but the best of protection and care while acquiring it.

Ireland, as will be observed, has not "progressed" to the extent of some "Masonic" grand bodies in the new world. In the latter that child's father would be treated as a pariah and the fate of his orphan would enlist little or no sympathy. On the whole we prefer Ireland's old fashioned ideas of "charity."

E. A. Evans, Quebec, Grand Z.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Rhode Island

Chapters . . 10.

Members . . 3656.

Ritual revising employed a Committee of Grand Chapter which presented a report at a special Convocation held in Providence in April, 1908. This Committee

was appointed to *restore* the work of the several degrees, and it was

“Voted, That the suggestions of the Committee be approved, and the revised work of the Mark Master Mason’s degree, as submitted by them, be adopted as the official work of this degree.”

The work of the other degrees was then taken up severally in the same manner, and the same vote passed as to each degree.

At the Annual Convocation, the One hundred and eleventh, held on March 9th, 1909, Grand High Priest Wendell R. Davis explained that in the appointing of this committee no “tinkering” with the ritual adopted in 1882 was attempted, but rather every effort had been made to bring the work more in harmony with itself. He issued a circular to the Chapters in which he makes this clearly understood.

“And be it known and understood that all the changes adopted are in the interest of standardizing the degrees, correcting grammatical errors, making the phraseology of quotations from Scriptural or other accepted authority correspond to the source from which drawn—supplying omissions—and further, that titles, dueguards, grips, use of gavel, reading of keystone, etc., are made so far as possible to conform to generally accepted custom.”

This jurisdiction favors public installations, and why the public wants such entertainment is one of the mysteries yet to be revealed.

“On September 26th, 1908, I presided at the public installation of the officers of Scituate Chapter, No. 8, North Scituate, the exercises being held in the Baptist church of that village.

“The response to the invitations issued for this occasion was very general, and a distinguished representation of Capitular Masonry was present.

“The oration was delivered by Most Excellent Companion Henry W. Rugg, his subject being ‘The Genius of Freemasonry.’”

We trust the public was duly edified. The visiting officers did their whole duty. The Grand King attended, among others,

“the 115th Annual Convocation of Providence Chapter, No. 1, which Chapter is conceded to be the largest Royal Arch Chapter

in the world. I conducted the election and installation. R. E. William R. Greene was elected the Secretary for the thirty-first time. There was the unusually large attendance of 356 Companions."

Providence Chapter, as we gather from the statistical table, has a membership of 1714. Apart from what is noted there was little to engage the attention of Grand Chapter, and the routine reporting and elections passed off with the usual harmony.

M. E. Companion Rev. Dr. Rugg, introducing his able and welcome report on Correspondence, contrasts the popularity of the Masonry of the present with its uphill struggles to achieve that position.

"In this auspicious era of the history of our Fraternity it would be but the borrowing of trouble to express anxiety because the Masonic sky is now without a cloud, because organized Freemasonry has come to be, at the beginning of this twentieth century, so much of a power for good in the land. Let us be optimistic enough to rejoice in the fact that our ancient institution has, to such an extent, overcome opposition and attained a well-deserved popularity.

"All the same, however, this strong organization of ours must face obstacles and perils in its onward way. It will only be safeguarded against these as it shall have a loyal constituency of intelligent and believing members—men of strong convictions, worshippers of the one true and living God, who cherish high ideals and are always seekers after light and truth—men who hold and apply the brotherhood idea so as to be helpful to one another according to the love which never faileth. Give to our Fraternity such men and its prosperity is assured. Give us men,

"Men who never shame their mothers,
Men who never fail their brothers,
True, however false are others,
True as truth though lone and lowly,
Tender as the brave are only,
Men who tread where saints have trod;
Men for country, home, and God!"

Under Arkansas, he notes that the Grand High Priest ruled that a Companion may "become a wilful non-affiliate without censure." According to this decision, which was approved by the committee and by Grand Chapter, a dimit may be taken and held indefinitely by a Companion without subjecting him to a prescribed penalty. Comp. Rugg adds:

"This seems to be the only just and liberal view to be taken. If the Companion remains unaffiliated he is, of course, debarred from the privileges of Chapter membership, which of itself would seem to be a sufficient penalty."

Just so; but apparently such a view, just and liberal as it undoubtedly is, will not be accepted in the same light by a vast number of up-to-date lawmakers who seek to model the methods of the Craft on the lines of modern mushroom organizations. In their eyes the unaffiliated is a criminal and their superfluous energy is devoted to hatching out penalties to fit so abominable an offence.

He gives a lengthy and kind notice to Canada for 1909:

"Companion Bennett's suggestion as to a wider distribution of the printed Proceedings is all right; but so far as our knowledge extends there is another difficulty. 'You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink.' Brethren who desire to read the Proceedings will easily find copies available. In our home jurisdiction the supply always equals the demand."

One can easily credit that, but then Rhode Island and Canada, territorially speaking, present something of a contrast. Further on he infers from our quotation from himself.

"He seemingly approves the statement that the three degrees, which in the American system of Capitular Masonry precede the Royal Arch degree, were known before the time of Thomas Smith Webb."

On the contrary, the extract from the minutes of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, furnished by our Grand Companion went far to establish a long-settled opinion that the Most Excellent degree of the American system was the creation, if not of Webb himself, of those who collaborated with him. The minute referred to clearly shows that the degree as put on by Webb and Hanmer was something new to the Boston Companions of that day and not of the "fashion" to which they had been accustomed.

Willard A. Esten, Providence, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.

Scotland

At the September, 1908, quarterly Comp. R. King Stewart, M. E. Grand Z.-elect, was in attendance, the Grand Sword-Bearer and Grand Director of Ceremonies were directed to retire, and introduce him for installation.

The Acting Grand Z., Comp. John H. F. K. Scott, congratulated Comp. R. King Stewart on his unanimous re-election as M. E. Grand Z., and, having administered the vow of office, Comp. Stewart was duly installed amidst the plaudits of the Companions.

The M. E. Grand Z. thanked the Companions for again electing him as Grand Z., and expressed his sincere regret that he had not been able to be present before this meeting.

A letter was read from Lady Blythswood, in reply to letter of sympathy forwarded to her on the death of Lord Blythswood, a Past Grand Z. of Grand Chapter.

Grand Scribe E. reported that the number of Companions registered and Diplomas issued during the quarter was 498, being an increase of 171 as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year.

At the March, 1909, quarterly the Deputy Grand Z. made feeling reference to the great loss the Order has sustained through the recent sudden death of the late Companion George Dickson, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.

Interesting reports from various provinces, as well as from India, were received and read.

The financial statement published with this issue shows assets approaching forty thousand dollars.

The officers were installed the same month, and the festival of the Vernal Equinox was duly celebrated by a banquet furnished by those eminent friends to mankind in Edinburgh, "F. and F." The feast of reason, etc., was very enjoyable, apparently.

The Committee considered favorably a request for a charter received from Bombay, with Companions Abdeali

M. Kajiji, as Z.; Mirza Ali Mohamed Khan, as H.; Mahomedbhoy Currimbhay, as J., and nine others. The Chapter is to be named "Crescent."

"They knew the ancient landmarks and kept them to a hair."

An application from Chapter "Edinburgh," No. 1, for their first Minute Book, hitherto in possession of Supreme Grand Chapter, was remitted to a committee.

The Grand Z. could not, owing to previous engagement meet the Supreme Committee in September, and he sent a nice letter to that effect, adding

"I should be very pleased if the Office-Bearers of Supreme Chapter would come out to Murdostoun on the afternoon of Saturday, 18th September, and spend the afternoon and dine. There is a train from Edinburgh to Omoa at 1.25, and one from Glasgow to Omoa at 2.25."

Did they accept? Well, surely our Scotch Companions would not forego a great opportunity of assisting to provide a noble example for emulation by Capitular rulers elsewhere.

R. King Stewart, Murdostoun, Grand Z.

Robert S. Brown, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

South Carolina

Chapters .. 28.

Members .. 1810.

The weight of advancing years apparently has little effect on the vitality of this sturdy veteran of the South. Twenty-one Chapters were represented at the Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation in Charleston on the 11th February, 1908, and in the brave array of those bearing the credentials of sister Grand bodies he of Canada did not appear.

Comp. Joseph Lindsay, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait accompanies the address, bade a fraternal welcome to all. He reported one Chapter resurrected and two new ones authorized under dispensation.

Referring to the Masonic Home enterprise, which was started with no small degree of enthusiasm, he

appealed to the Companions not to let their interest in the venture wane. They were prompt to vote \$2000 from Grand Chapter funds, but individual Chapter contributions were shy.

Grand Treasurer Jackson's fifty years of faithful service, he thought, should be recognized, and later a sum of one hundred dollars in gold was voted.

Correspondence in relation to loose proceedings in a Chapter and the revelation of a contumacious Secretary occupied considerable space. Unmasonic conduct would have been charged against the latter by the Committee but that he was "a very ill man and unable physically to undergo a trial."

The Grand High Priest's ruling that a Chapter, being closed to open and work in a lesser degree, the meeting could disperse on the closing of the latter, was disputed by the Committee, which cited the General Grand Chapter's regulations:

"A subordinate Chapter when opened on the Royal Arch degree must be closed on that degree. It may suspend labor in the Chapter, open on a lower degree to confer said degree on a candidate, close in such lower degree, labor resumed in the Chapter, which must be closed in due form on the Royal Arch degree."

The Committee on Necrology, in a brief report, referred to a Companion who for fifty-two years served as Sentinel of his Chapter, and no one could have been more faithful in the discharge of duty. As a mark of esteem the Committee recommended that his Chapter be requested to furnish to the Grand Secretary a photograph of Companion Crawford for publication in the minutes of Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary Barron, as usual, furnishes the report on Correspondence, which, if not of abiding interest to outside readers, will certainly be pleasing perusal for his home admirers, and they are legion.

"I have followed my usual plan of trying to select matter for this Report which is of interest to our home readers, and to

emphasize those things which may incite our officers and Companions to nobler efforts and higher attainments. That I have not written for the pleasure or the plaudits of the Guild, must not be construed as a lack of esteem or regard for them. They don't pay for our Report—the Companions of South Carolina do. And yet my heart is filled with gratitude for the kindly consideration so often extended by my co-laborers in this field."

Canada for 1907 came under his critical observation and was favorably passed as "good work."

Companion Barron, in observing the hysterical condemnation of the sinful men who earn their living by connection with the liquor traffic and the extreme measures taken by some Masonic bodies, very properly suggests that the decision should be left to the ballot box and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it will prove a righteous judge.

Joseph Lindsay, Chester, Grand High Priest.

Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota

Chapters . . 34.

Members . . 2549.

In the "live city of Watertown," on the 10th June, 1909, the Twentieth Annual Convocation was opened by Companion John E. Hipple, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Three well-known and highly-esteemed Companions were removed by death during the year: the first Grand High Priest, Henry Sebra Williams, Grand Treasurer, Bernard C. Jacobs, and Grand Chaplain, John Henry Babcock.

He started two Chapters, one of them being a revival, and paid a high compliment to the Grand Lecturer for efficient work.

Observing the condition of the Chapters, he expressed fear that laxity in collection of dues would result in calamity.

Companion Louis Levoy's report on Correspondence is pleasant and instructive reading. He is as generous

as usual with Canada, and misses little of value. Noting a foreign Chapter on Canadian territory, he says:

"Persuasion seems to have no effect, and Scotland in common decency should withdraw its charter; failing that, our private opinion publicly expressed, would be an interdiction of its members from the Chapters of Canada, which we think would soon bring them to time. A divided house must fall, and we do not understand why a powerful Grand Chapter such as Canada will permit its territorial jurisdiction divided. It should be supreme or is not entitled to be the peer of the several Grand Chapters on this continent."

Companion Levoy might reasonably assume that there was good and sufficient reason why Canada was not worrying in the matter. The Chapter referred to was one of several in existence before the territory was claimed by this Grand Chapter. It is neither a question of Scotland nor Canada, as it is not one of "decency" or otherwise. It is the sweet prerogative of the Chapter in question to elect under which regime she serves. If she chooses to abide by her filial allegiance there is no power to gainsay her. If on the other hand, she inclines to the view that the interests of the Royal Craft will be better served by home rule, it is her privilege to so apply. Meanwhile the issue rests with her, and the amenities are not likely to be adversely affected by unwise interference.

Concluding, Companion Levoy says:

"As in previous years it is a pleasure to report that the interest in Capitular Masonry of the past nine years shows no abatement, every jurisdiction reporting accretions to their ranks and plethoric treasuries.

"Truly the first decade of the new century has shown wonderful progress in the dissemination of the vital truths contained in the Capitular Rite which makes for the betterment of mankind.

"Let us hope that the high plane it has attained in the Masonic system will be maintained in future years, that the works of the fathers in Masonry may be transmitted to posterity, pure and undefiled by commercialism or any other evil."

David A. Douglas, Spearfish, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee

Chapters .. 84.

Members .. 4526.

The weight of four-score years in no way impairs the vitality and enthusiasm of the Companions of Tennessee. Grand High Priest Charles Comstock, in addressing them at the Eightieth Annual Convocation in Nashville, on the 25th January, 1909, said that, while some losses had to be reported, the Royal Craft had made perceptible gains. He gave a start to four new Chapters, and to Companions who desired to revive an old one he turned a deaf ear, as it was not recommended by the nearest Chapter.

Such a requirement is not exacted under Canada's law. Among his visitations was one to a Chapter which had a boom Convocation, an idea which he submits as an example to be followed:

"The plan had its inception in the fertile brain of our energetic and devoted Past Grand High Priest, Comp. John B. Garrett. At his suggestion, Harriman Chapter appointed a committee to canvass the situation and see if they could procure enough petitions from the Lodges in its jurisdiction to justify them in holding a general reunion to which all the Grand Officers and many others were to be invited. All of the expenses of the invited guests and of the several candidates were to be borne by the Chapter. Companion Williams was placed at the head of this committee, and owing to his unflagging zeal and energy, together with the able assistance of other members of the Chapter, the undertaking was a decided success. Two days were devoted to the work, during which time twenty-three candidates received the Capitular degrees. The climax occurred in the way of an elegant banquet, served by the wives and other lady relatives of the members."

The membership of one of the Chapters being reduced to eight, he called in the charter. The modest request of another for the paraphernalia of a Chapter declared defunct a year ago, he declined, on the ground that he was not authorized to give away property belonging to somebody else. Yet we find that Grand Chapter can do so.

"On motion, the paraphernalia belonging to Pulaski Chapter 149 was donated to Lawrenceburg Chapter 177."

He thought a Grand Lecturer would do much good, if appointed, with a suitable salary and time to devote to the work. This was subsequently approved.

Western Australia was duly recognized, and resolutions authorizing a committee to negotiate for a permanent meeting-place for Grand Chapter were adopted.

M. E. Comp. McClister is again the happy reviewer. He remarks, under Canada, that Tennessee's representative "does not seem to have been present." He must have been held up by Canada's representative in Tennessee, who was likewise absent from this Convocation. "When good fellows get together" they sometimes forget previous engagements.

He inspects with a truly fraternal eye, and says of our own review of Tennessee that "it is courteous and faithful."

"Companion Bennett is a gifted writer, and is well informed on Masonry. He has a tilt with Companion Warvelle of Illinois, and holds his own. As for us, we'll keep our visor down, lest we, too, may feel his trenchant blade. Companion Bennett does not seem to be in accord with the practice of his own Grand Chapter, with reference to calling a meeting of a dependent Lodge for work, and proceeding without first opening the Chapter, and we think he is correct.

"We have read with a great deal of interest this report, and can endorse every position taken, save only that on *Dependent membership*."

Well, we can agree to differ on one position surely. He remarks, under Kansas, where somebody had advocated the solicitation of brethren for the Capitular degrees, "We believe that every man should not only come into Masonry, but should also advance of his own free will and accord."

Will he tell us what becomes of that "free will and accord" under the italicized doctrine he refers to above, and in which he claims to be in disagreement with us? It surely is because we adhere to an unchangeable belief in "free will" that he and ourselves are not in "accord,"

or does he believe that what he concedes to the prospective candidate should be taken away from him after the latter has confidently accepted the situation? Companion McClister's belief is apparently of the limited variety, and even he will admit that "it's a poor rule that won't work both ways."

A good report all through, and covers the ground with conscientious fidelity. "Happy to meet," etc.

Andrew P. Trogden, Quebec, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Clendening, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Vermont

Chapters . . 30.

Members . . 4065

Comp. Charles W. Whitcomb, bearing Canada's credentials, was one of the eighteen Grand Representatives to put in an appearance at the Ninety-second Annual Convocation, held in Burlington on the 11th June, 1909, when Olin W. Daley, M. E. Grand High Priest, with a complete staff of officers, opened the proceedings.

"Nearly one hundred and five years ago, on December 24, 1804, the officers of Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter of Rutland, agreeably to the constitution of the General Royal Arch Chapter of the six northern States of America, assembled at Rutland and organized the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont. Besides the Chapter at Rutland there were three regular lodges of Mark Master Masons within the State."

"From the very small beginning at Rutland has grown our present strong Grand Chapter with its thirty constituent Chapters comprising four thousand members selected from the twelve thousand Master Masons of Vermont. Its history during the six years following the Morgan episode and during the anti-Masonic craze is heroic and thrilling. It is a story of well-meaning but weak-spirited men who would yield to the unreasonable importunities of fanatics and demagogues, and men of strong character who were ever ready to sacrifice comfort, position and profit, if only honor and principle were saved. The Mason who has not read of the Masonic struggles of 1828 to 1834 knows little of what this noble institution cost our elder Companions and brethren. Though forced to suspend public meetings from 1835 to 1849, yet out of the contest right and justice came triumphant."

After a timely reference to the fraternal dead, one of whom had left his mark on the records, Past Grand Secretary Warren Giles Reynolds, he acknowledged an invitation from Quebec's Grand Chapter to be present at the Annual in March last.

"The invitations first sent miscarried, and were never received. A second invitation was sent but not received early enough so that I could arrange to attend. I regretted that it should be so and hope for better success another time."

He was not asked for any decisions that the existing laws did not cover, and was equally fortunate with applications for dispensations. He accompanied the Grand Lecturer in all his official visitations, and found everything in first-class condition.

That dependent membership, if left to work out its own fate, will assuredly dispose of itself by the "happy despatch" method, or some other equally spectacular, rapid and glorious, is quite within the possibilities. He quotes, without comment (no necessity for any), a resolution introduced at the previous Convocation and referred to the wise men of the Jurisprudence Committee to wrestle with. It is a gem.

"In accordance with the accepted Masonic rulings, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, that any Royal Arch Mason who for reason of suspension, expulsion, *or dimit granted*, and for the season of six consecutive months thereafter shall be non-affiliated with a Royal Arch Chapter working under a legal dispensation, is thereby debarred from connection with or membership *in any superior body*; be it

"*Resolved*, That in any of the foregoing cases the Secretary or Recorder of the Chapter in which such action may take place shall immediately report such proceeding to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, and this latter official shall, as soon as possible, notify the Secretary or Recorder of *all superior orders of Masonry* with whom the affected party may be affiliated."

It evidently did not take the committee very long to dispose of the bantling and lay it out for speedy burial.

"We would recommend that the resolution be dismissed, by reason of the fact, as we view it, that the resolution presupposes that the Grand Secretary has actual knowledge of the Masonic affiliations of the party affected, which fact we do not consider that we have the right to assume, and that the existing law is sufficient."

The Committee on Jewels reported that, pursuant to the instructions of Grand Chapter, they had procured and presented Past Grand High Priest Jewels to M. E. Companions Collins Blakely, Chas. H. Williams and Edward A. Jewett.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that as the financial condition of the Grand Chapter is excellent, and in some cases the subordinate Chapters are under expense that exhausts their income, the present dues of \$4.00 for Mark and \$3.00 for Royal Arch degrees be reduced to \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively, and also that all money loaned by the Grand Chapter to the Grand Lodge be without interest until the Temple is paid for.

A pleasant feature of the session was the visit and reception of M. E. Henry De Witt Hamilton and R. E. Alfred O. Adams, Past Grand High Priest and present Grand Royal Arch Captain, respectively, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York.

Redundancy in the ceremonial working was discountenanced by the Grand Lecturer, who, we think wisely, recommended a "shortening up" of working, which to many becomes a toil.

"It can properly be shortened very considerably, without in any way destroying the sense of the ritualistic part, and I believe it will add to the interest to cut out a major part of the historical passages, retaining only the important points. As it is, it becomes wearisome to listen to from thirty to forty minutes of historical references after the working of the degree, which in itself is sufficient to furnish all the work that the officers care to do in one evening."

Past Grand High Priest Marsh O. Perkins again furnishes an excellent review of the Grand Chapter, one to meet the Wisconsin ruler's unqualified approval. His

comments on Canada for 1909 are appreciative. To our good Washington Companion, who emerged from his customary taciturnity to reply to Comp. Perkins' caustic remark on the Washington method of charging visiting R. A. Masons for communicating one or more of the lesser degrees, he rejoins:

"Yankee-like we would answer his first question by asking another. What does he mean by 'claiming to be a Companion?' Will he assert that a Companion hailing from Canada, say, is not a Royal Arch Mason? If he is not in the eyes of Washington, will Companion Blalock kindly explain how it comes to pass that his Grand Chapter recognizes the Grand Chapter of Canada as a sovereign body of Capitular Masonry, and that as such he himself includes it in his roster of 'Grand Chapters, Grand Secretaries, etc.?' We do not assume that 'the brethren from Canada, or any foreign jurisdiction' are better than those of Washington or Vermont or any other State in this Union. But we do aver they are our peers, and as such are entitled to all fraternal comity without showing 'the color of their money.'"

Companion Blalock having contended that it was not the "money," but the "principle," that Washington advocated, and that she was one of a "large majority" of the jurisdictions holding similar views, Companion Perkins retorts:

"And we feel that the would-be visitor should also be told that except in Washington, and possibly one or two other jurisdictions, he would be cordially granted the right of visitation in any Grand Jurisdiction in these United States, as a matter of courtesy to a Grand Jurisdiction in close, fraternal relations, by assuming the O. B. of any missing, intermediate degree without thought of 'fee or reward' financially. This to our mind, we would courteously say, comports more closely with the Masonic teaching of 'Justice' than any 50 per cent. basis or on special occasions of the full 100 per cent. Meanwhile we regret to have appeared to have disturbed Comp. B.'s complacency or equanimity of mind by any chance remark."

He closes his instructive report with a reproduction of Dr. Chetwode Crawley's interesting explanation of Ireland's usage in connection with the "visiting" brother, and in which is emphasized the necessity for the parchment certificate from the Grand body.

Edward H. Martin, Middlebury, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Virginia

Chapters .. 61.

Members .. 5564.

The centennial exercises of the preceding year had no ill-effect on the enthusiasm of the Companions who assembled in Richmond on the 27th October, 1908, for the One hundred and first Annual Convocation. From the centennial fund there was a balance of \$583, and with what was returned from the California disaster contribution, \$192, was voted to the Masonic Home.

Two of the Grand Chapter's rulers in the past were called away during the year, William Henry Lambert, who presided in 1875, and Philo Bradley, Grand High Priest in 1886. Grand Marshal William Krause was another who obeyed the summons.

To each Grand High Priest John Henry Fisher gave his meed of praise for faithful Companionship.

He waxed eloquent on Virginia's attainment of uniformity in work. He considered the jurisdiction at the top rung of the ladder in this respect, "notwithstanding we have no cipher." Much of the credit he attributes to the unceasing attention of Grand Lecturer Hubard, and "another element of success may be expressed in four words—"no decisions, no grievances."

He issued a dispensation for a new Chapter at Buchanan, the nearest Chapter, only five miles distant, consenting.

Lack of deeds in behalf of Virginia's great charity led him to "talk out in meetin'."

"If the origin and the purpose of the Home, and the good it has already accomplished, does not appeal to my Companions of Virginia, no thought of mine, never so earnestly expressed, could arrest your attention, or inspire your interest and co-operation.

"The records show that, last year, 5,168 Royal Arch Masons in Virginia contributed \$437.00 in support of the Home, or a fraction less than eight and a half cents each. Cold, hard facts, and I use the words advisedly, are not difficult to understand and not so readily forgotten as are the carefully prepared forms of eloquent speech."

The Grand Secretary reported a net gain of 396, the largest in the history of Grand Chapter.

Nine Companions in Woodstock petitioned for a new Chapter, but, having forgotten the material requirement of a fee, the dispensation was returned and destroyed. Why not secure the fee before the dispensation is issued?

Every Chapter in the State made returns and despatched the necessary accompaniments in full punctually, and the secretaries are praised for efficiency.

The Grand Lecturer's report showed that splendid work was again done by that painstaking officer. When he goes to a Chapter he invariably stays with it for a week.

"I have exalted during the year 154 candidates, and conferred the subordinate degrees on 8 others, making a total of 162 candidates, which exceeds my report of last year by 24 exaltations, and makes a grand total of twelve hundred and sixty-two exalted during the time I have been Grand Lecturer."

In Companion Charles Nesbitt's Correspondence report he follows his usual style, which is mainly reproductions from the addresses of Grand High Priests, and if his Companions like that kind of thing why that is what his Companions like. It is for them he prepares it and we cannot perceive wherein he owes any apology to his colleagues of the guild. The deft manipulation of the scissors and paste brush is surely not a time-consuming occupation.

"I am satisfied this review will not come up to the standard expected by the Guild, but it will have to be accepted, as the time allowed is too short to do any better.

"I hope the Companions of Virginia will find something of interest."

Amen.

Wm. Baylor McChesney, Staunton, Grand High Priest.

Jas. B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Washington

Chapters .. 30.

Members .. 2915.

It was Exhibition time in Seattle, and Grand Chapter assembled there when the city was crowned with mid-summer glory. On June 21st, the Twenty-fifth Annual was opened by Comp. Robert L. McCraskey, M. E. Grand High Priest. The Seattle Companions were cordial in their welcome, and Grand Master Baker lent tone to the occasion by putting in an appearance.

The Grand High Priest reported an unruffled stream of harmony and a net gain of 262, with one new Chapter.

He feelingly referred to the death of Grand Sentinel C. B. Reed.

He had a communication to the effect that Companions resident in Fairbanks, Alaska, desired to form a Chapter there. He referred the applicants to the General Grand.

The "Director of Special Events" of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition had written to the effect that June 23, 1909, had been designated by the officials of the Exposition as "Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington Day," with an offer to assist in the celebration of that day.

After conferring with other members of the Grand Council and officers of the Grand Chapter, the G. H. P. wrote the official named that it had been decided that it was not permissible under the tenets of the Order to participate publicly in such a celebration, and requested him to substitute some other event for the day mentioned.

He recommended the appointment of a Grand Lecturer in order to secure uniformity. The idea was favored, but action postponed.

Grand Orator F. G. H. Baker, though present, was too ill to deliver the usual "Grand Oration," and by re-

quest Companion W. H. Acuff delivered an address to the Companions, but failed to furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy in time to include with the proceedings.

Grand Secretary Blalock presented the following resolution, which, on motion and vote, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"That the Grand Chapter hereby resumes the Grand Representative system which was abolished by this Grand Chapter in 1896."

This, too, the Committee favored, and Washington will resume its old-time relations with sister bodies.

R. E. Comp. Blalock's review of the Grand Chapters supplies his Companions with information of everything worth narrating, that occurs abroad. His methods are strictly impartial. Concluding, he says:

"Customs may differ slightly, but the principles and teachings are the same, although some may find them dull and trying at times. Still, if rightly studied, there is always new 'light' to be found. We hope to meet our Companions of 'the Guild' personally at some time in the future, for we feel that we know them now by their reports and official Correspondence."

A. L. Miller, Vancouver, Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

Western Australia

At the Supreme Grand Chapter's Semi-annual Convocation, held at Perth on March 31, 1908, M. E. Comp. T. F. Jolly, Grand Z., presided.

Recognition having been accorded by the Grand Chapters of Canada and Illinois, with the request for an exchange of representatives, it was resolved in accordance with the nominations received to appoint R. E. Comp. Wm. Panton to represent this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Canada, and E. Comp. John Spire near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

It was further resolved to recommend E. Comp. John Stuart for appointment as representative of the Grand

Chapter of Canada near this Grand Chapter and M. E. Comp. A. C. Giles to represent the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

The First Grand Principal delivered a short address in which he dealt with the business transacted since his installation, and the prospects of Royal Arch Masonry generally in the State. He also extended a cordial welcome to the representatives of Hiram Chapter, who had travelled all the way from Albany in order to be present at this Convocation.

The Annual Convocation was held at Perth on 30th September, 1908. M. E. Comp. Jolly regretted that he had not been able to do more for Royal Arch Masonry since he had been called upon to preside over Grand Chapter, but so far as opportunity had offered he had done his best.

"There were a few matters to which he desired to direct the attention of the Companions, among the foremost of which was the fact that Grand Chapter had been without a Grand Scribe for some months, owing to the departure of E. Comp. H. B. Joseph from the State. The report of Grand Committee will contain the announcement that the sum of £40 has been voted to Comp. Joseph in recognition of the work he has done on behalf of Grand Chapter, and more particularly the early work in connection with its formation and organization."

Regalia for Grand officers has been ordered from England, and a job lot of Mark aprons and jewels was offered to the Companions at cost.

Owing to the fact that for some time past Grand Chapter has been without a Grand Scribe, the applications for the recognition of the Grand Chapters of England, Scotland and Ireland had not been renewed, but this matter will be taken in hand at once.

Nothing is furnished to indicate the strength of the jurisdiction in Chapters or members.

T. F. Jolly, Perth, Grand Z.

J. C. Strickland, Perth, Grand Scribe E.

West Virginia

Chapters . . 36.

Members . . 4495.

In Fairmont, the Grand Chapter Companions assembled for the Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation on 10th November, 1908, and Tom G. Strickler, M. E. Grand High Priest, was happy in having such an excellent array of Excellent Royal Arch Masons to listen to his welcoming words. Tom's portrait appears facing his oratorical effort, and both are good. Yes, he did not omit the button. Who would?

He pleasantly remarked that Fairmont was where Grand Lodge was organized forty-three years ago, and now Grand Chapter led the way, as being the first governing body to meet in Fairmont's beautiful Temple.

The Grand Royal Arch Captain Companion Baguley was claimed by death during the year, the only gap from that cause in the official roster.

Two dispensations for new Chapters were issued, and he authorized a Chapter in Fairmont to "ballot on candidates and transact and other business they considered necessary for the *entertainment* of Grand Chapter at a special meeting."

He visited five Chapters, and ten other Companions took a hand in the work of inspection. The Grand Lecturer did good work, especially in coaching his deputies.

Canada's representative was away on urgent private business when roll was called.

Comp. Baines' report on Correspondence is, like his former efforts, breezy and exhilarating. He ventured an idea that the cost might be diverted into more useful channels, but we doubt whether his Companions would willingly relinquish him now that they have him secured. He is a teacher as well as reviewer. Very complimentary is he to Canada, whose jubilee year he had under inspection.

"Within the fifty years of its history this Grand Chapter has grown wonderfully, notwithstanding that other Grand Jurisdictions have been carved out of her territory. She now has 133 Chapters and 12,071 members. And, what is more to her credit, her organization and manner of administration are on the very best lines."

Referring to the work of the Superintendents, and their reports, he says they

"indicate men of education and good literary ability. In the reports is a good deal of mention of banquets, songs, speeches, etc. If the Chapters visited would forego costly entertainments they could afford to pay hotel bills and traveling expenses of the Superintendents."

Here is a word for the Secretary, who, in the matter of collecting dues, is not a drone:

"—— Chapter, however, has one 'who makes it a point to lighten the labor of his office by never allowing any Companion to fall in arrears of dues.' The writer belongs to a Masonic body whose Secretary is of the same sort. It is said of him that 'he has the voice of a seraph, and the rigor of a sheriff.'"

And on the Committee's emphasis on the importance of Chapters of Instruction, remarked:

"The language of the committee was so warm that it is likely that these schools will be held all over Canada next year. The work will be thorough if that committee has its way. And Grand Chapter wisely stands by the committee."

Noticing under Illinois that "a beautiful American flag" had been presented by somebody to a young Chapter, he says: "A flag is an improper Masonic belonging." He thus refers to the Masonic ignoramus:

"Probably most jurisdictions abound in Chapter Masons who know well nigh nothing about Royal Arch Masonry, and this is the inevitable result of regarding Masonry as a mere leader to reach the Shrine. Thousands of them are as ignorant as a profane in regard to the 'deposit,' but can tell you all about the 'tunnel.'"

From his remarks on Virginia's history, we cull this interesting little paragraph:

"The Virginia work is probably the original work of the General Grand Chapter. Thomas Smith Webb was one of the

originators of the General Grand Chapter, and his work, learned from John Hanmer, of England, was for a long time the authorized work of the General Grand Chapter. James Cushman, of Connecticut, who had this work, exemplified the same before the Grand Chapter of Virginia January 17, 1820, and the next day this original work was adopted by Virginia, and Cushman was elected Grand Lecturer. This Cushman work is still the work taught in Virginia, whereas the ritual of the General Grand, used in many States, has been greatly altered. Probably no State has the original Webb, or General Grand Chapter, work in as pure a form as Virginia."

In a discussion of the several degrees, it seems that something has been injected into the Mark which does not meet with his approval.

"In this degree, otherwise consistent, there is one incident which has no relation to the whole theory upon which it is founded. With this exception, the entire structure of the degree illustrates the work of the craftsmen employed upon the building of the first Temple; but the use of one of the New Testament Parables, spoken by Jesus to show that the Gentile who came later into His kingdom would fare equally with the Jewish nation which had long enjoyed peculiar and exclusive privileges, is certainly incongruous when employed for the purpose of teaching that the Craft should not be dissatisfied with their wages.

"Besides being incongruous, it contradicts one of the other teachings of the degree, which declares that the wages of a true and faithful craftsman were a penny a day—a whole day, and not one hour. The craftsman, if true and faithful, worked a whole day. The Overseers never paid a penny to the Fellow Craft who wrought only one hour. Moreover, the 'dissatisfaction with their wages' is necessarily expressed in language undeniably irreverent during the reading of the Scripture lesson. This feature of the degree should be eliminated. It teaches nothing, and mars both the consistency and the propriety of the degree."

Their Royal Arch, according to Companion Baines, teems with inconsistencies and anachronisms.

"The man who constructed this degree certainly made a jumble of it. Historical facts, widely separated in point of time, are thrown together quite recklessly. The Burning Bush, occurring in the time of Moses, was introduced for no other reason than as affording a hint of the Ineffable Name. At this time there was no Jerusalem, nor was it dreamed of. The site was in possession of the Jebusites, a wild tribe less civilized than Comanche Indians."

After stringing out a list of misfits, as narrated in the legend, he says of the aggregation: "All this involves a considerable strain on the imagination."

On the subject of official inspection of Chapters, he offers a few suggestions which might be pondered with profit:

"First: The Inspector should be *armed with authority to convene a Chapter for inspection*. In all the jurisdictions experience has shown that if left to the Chapters to ask, and indicate a time, for inspection, very little is accomplished.

"Second: The Inspector should call for, and examine the charter, the Books of Accounts and Record, Policies of Insurance, list of delinquents and paraphernalia.

"Third: He should inspect the hall, *and its condition*, and urge the Chapter to preserve the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

"Fourth: He should require all the officers to demonstrate their ability to do their parts in opening, closing and conferring the degrees.

"Fifth: He should correct irregularities of every kind.

"Sixth: He should report all his findings in full *on blanks to be furnished by Grand Chapter*.

"Seventh: He should *not* report banquets, toasts, fine scenery, meetings with old friends and pleasure rides.

"Eighth: The inspection should be done early enough in the year to avoid bad weather and elections."

John W. de Veber, Ronceverte, Grand High Priest.

D. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin

Chapters .. 83.

Members .. 9069.

A record increase of 536 in the membership is one of the visible testimonies to Wisconsin's progress, and the very remarkable address of the M. E. Grand High Priest Comp. David Harlowe is another. A full muster of officers was on hand when the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation was opened in Milwaukee on the 16th February, 1909, and a fine representation from the Chapters. Thirty-seven Grand Representatives, including M. E. Comp. A. J. Wallace, for Canada, responded to the call.

The death of the venerable and well-beloved Norman Curtis Daniels, who was Grand High Priest in 1887, was announced.

The Royal Arch degree and the methods employed to exemplify its teachings gave the Grand High Priest some thought. To some, the chief aim was "to produce physical rather than mental impressions," and undue haste in conferring the degree tended to perplex the candidate and deprive him of a proper comprehension of its beautiful lessons.

"Inherent defects in the Royal Arch degree are plainly visible, and its present form will always be open to criticism by Masonic students. Its form is devoid of all structural beauty as a vehicle of thought dramatically expressed; the text of the ritual is not only cumbersome and tedious to relate or hear, but representation and explanation are so intermingled that there is neither continuity of thought nor sequence of action.

"The ritual should be revised and the degree reconstructed, with its form patterned after the Master Mason's degree. It should be sectionalized so as to distinguish and separate its ancient and modern features, paying especial attention to the culmination of ancient craft Masonry."

"It's never too late to mend." The above would seem to afford further opportunity for the ubiquitous reformer. Besides his own, he visited seven of the Chapters. He authorized the birth of a new Chapter at Ladysmith, which the Grand Lecturer subsequently instituted, and three were constituted, one by the veteran Past Grand High Priest, David H. Wright, who memorized the ceremony after being requested to undertake the duty, and this in his 88th year.

He turned the vials of his wrath upon Foreign Correspondence Committees generally, and an extraordinary outpouring it was. His opinion of the authors of these reports is not a lofty one. He claims that their conception of the duty is erroneous. That, in expounding law they usurp the prerogative with which the Grand High Priest or Grand body is alone clothed. That to criticize approved decisions is little less heinous than the unpardonable sin, and to censure, decry or ridicule the actions

and utterances of "Grand Officers" is to be guilty of a flippancy beside which the offence of sacrilege is a pastime. He says:

"Very little is devoted to Grand Chapter proceedings. They also contain much that is puerile, vulgar and offensive—a woeful lack of dignity in thought and style on the part of those to whom are entrusted the duty of placing before the world the proceedings of a Grand Body of Capitular Masonry."

Now, on whose trail has he camped? He advises that the Correspondent's duties should be regulated by the Constitution, and so circumscribed that the supreme powers and prerogatives "shall not be usurped and abused in the manner indicated."

He recommended the usual allowance to the Correspondent for the year, Comp. Wright, who undertook the duty owing to M. E. Comp. Swain's indisposition, and emphasizes the fact that "his report was submitted to me before being printed."

Well, Wisconsin's junior P. G. H. P. has achieved an ephemeral notoriety, which we trust he is enjoying. He got his illustrious name into the papers, too, and the editorial criticism on his outburst he is very welcome to. For ourselves, we feel grateful for a distinctly amusing episode. Closing his interesting tirade, he makes this reference to Wisconsin's reporter for many years, and with sincere regret we copy the portentous words:

"In this connection and in view of the physical condition of Companion Swain, P. G. H. P., who has heretofore performed the duties of this committee for years, I recommend that a special committee consisting of Past Grand High Priests be empowered to take such action for his future welfare as shall seem advisable to them for the best interests of Companion Swain and this Grand Chapter."

He strongly urged the adoption of a rule requiring all Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction to be in good standing in their Lodge in order to retain membership in the Chapter.

The Jurisprudence Committee disposed of it in this manner:

"This question having been settled by the adoption of the Constitution at this session, we refer the matter back without recommendation."

In another portion of the volume, the Grand Secretary informs all and sundry that the amended Constitution was adopted unanimously, *not one dissenting vote*.

"The Grand High Priest gave ample opportunity for the *least objection*, and there being none he declared the Constitution, Rules and Edicts as presented and read by the Committee on Revision, and as corrected and amended by the Grand Chapter, to be adopted."

M. E. Comp. Wright's 35-page report on Correspondence is like a donkey's gallop, "short and sweet." Having been censored prior to printing, it is safe to say that nothing but what was eminently proper appears. None of the Grand Chapters noticed can boast of being unduly favored. The reporter says:

"Realizing that these reports are not particularly popular and hence seldom read by those for whom they are supposed to be prepared, I have endeavored to make this one brief."

He succeeded admirably. Pardon, if we submit a specimen. One can fancy his Wisconsin Companions chuckling over the supply of information provided under Maryland.

"22 Chapters 3,027 Members Gain 87

"The One hundred and eleventh Annual Convocation met at Baltimore, November 19th, with J. W. Linthicum, G. H. P., presiding, and J. H. Miller, G. Sec.

"The business was of local interest only. The G. H. P. and G. Secretary were re-elected."

No ridicule of "supreme powers and prerogatives" to be discovered there, nor anything "contrary to ancient usage and the spirit of Masonry." *O tempora, O mores*.

H. C. Dittmar, Fond du Lac, Grand High Priest.

W. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Wyoming

Chapters . . 10.

Members . . 747.

Pretty good start for the new venture. More Chapters and more members than some that boast a respectable age.

Like Idaho, this new Grand Chapter has not yet requested recognition from Canada, and, as remarked previously, being one of the many beyond the pale of the General Grand, we consider that if recognition is worth having it is worth asking for. However, as it is one of the family which are the offspring of or subject to that august body, we consider that the incident of its birth and baptism is of sufficient interest to inform our Companions.

Representatives of six of the eight chartered Chapters holding under the General Grand Chapter met in convention in the city of Rawlins on the 6th April, 1909, when a circular letter from the General Grand High Priest, acceding to the desire to form a Grand Chapter for the State, was read.

The usual preliminaries then followed, and a draft constitution was prepared. This being finally approved, the convention was declared off and a Grand Chapter formed with an acting staff of officers, after which the election of regular officers was conducted in order.

The senior Chapter then, with becoming generosity, volunteered to advance funds for running expenses for the current year, an offer accepted with thanks, and after the several committees were appointed Grand Chapter was closed.

The First Annual Convocation was held in Cheyenne on July 9th, 1909, with M. E. Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, the first Grand High Priest, presiding.

Three Chapters were represented; the others furnished proxies, but failed to act up to the provisions of the by-laws and were, therefore, shut out.

A brief address from the chair recited the existing condition of affairs, which was very promising.

"The membership of the Grand Jurisdiction, as shown by the returns of the several Chapters, is something over 750 Companions, which under our statutes will provide us with an annual income of from \$800 to \$900; an amount ample for our wants and the publication of Proceedings and a Report on Correspondence; the need of which is apparent.

"I would recommend that a qualified Correspondent be appointed at this meeting with instructions to prepare and submit a report at the April Convocation, covering in substance the field suggested by our By-laws. I would also recommend that this Grand Chapter, by resolution, adopt a plan of exchange of Grand Representatives with other Grand Chapters."

He does not hint that Wyoming will do as other baby Grand Chapters have done in the past, drop the Grand Representative system as soon as recognition has been secured. Such a course will not enhance that "respect and confidence" he is so anxious to deserve.

"Great caution must be observed by Grand Officers and members in their official capacity and conduct, if we wish to retain the respect and confidence of Royal Arch Masons of other Jurisdictions; remembering that our Proceedings are closely scrutinized by eminent authorities in every part of the world."

The following resolution exhibited a freshness which time and custom will amend.

"That the Grand Commander-elect shall during the coming year act as *ex-officio* Grand Lecturer, and is hereby requested to visit Natural Bridge and Darius Chapters, working U. D., and make a thorough inspection of these Chapters."

M. E. Companion Adrian J. Parshall was selected to inaugurate the annual Correspondence reports.

Birney H. Sage, Cheyenne, Grand High Priest.

Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION

If in the foregoing pages our Companions find something of interest to induce them to give more thought to the share of responsibility which rests upon each and all of us it will be a source of satisfaction. True, there may, it is admitted, be a sameness in the reiteration of opinion

on not a few topics that are old, avoidance of which is difficult, but while the record of a remarkable general prosperity and utter absence of even the shadow of contention is necessarily followed by a dearth of subjects for discussion, nevertheless there will be found matters of moment, lightly passed over in the perusal of more absorbing topics, which should command earnest consideration.

Too prone are we to turn an unwilling ear to the cry of the needy. The poor we have with us always, and that lesson impressed upon us all in our Masonic infancy should be ever present when we encounter a less fortunate brother who possesses a righteous claim upon our instant help. Not a few of our sister jurisdictions are doing noble work in the cause of charity, and the many institutions of goodly proportions, erected to shelter and protect the aged, the widow and the orphan, are monuments to the spirit animating the brethren and their desire to effect the best results.

That there are many who silently and unostentatiously are mindful of their obligation there can be no doubt, and if the practice of "those truly Masonic ornaments, benevolence and charity," is active, apart from Lodge and Chapter and all unknown to the latter, then we are not inculcating our precepts in vain. We have been accustomed to regard the English-speaking side of the Masonic brotherhood as being in the van in respect of attention to this phase of our fundamental principles and that the fraternity of continental Europe was disposed to engage in other and less beneficent pursuits, but the following extract from a British Masonic journal, "The Freemason," it is expected, will be as much of an eye-opener to our Companions as it was to the writer.

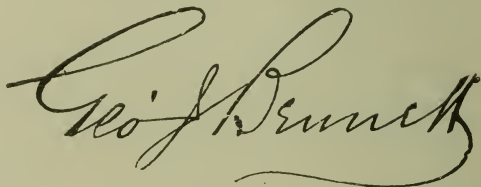
"Under the auspices of the Lodges Patria and Minerva, the Grand Lodge of Hungary tendered a cordial greeting to the medical Brethren who were attending the International Congress of Medicine at Buda Pest. It was particularly appropriate that the present Grand Master of Hungary should be a physican, Dr. Bokas. The reception was held in the handsome ante-rooms of the Lodges, and the visitors were introduced to the Lodge room in due and ancient form

by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. A beautiful voluntary was played on the organ, and at its conclusion the Grand Master and Grand Officers were introduced. The Grand Master delivered a discourse of welcome in the French language, and he was followed by the Master of Lodge Patria, who defined the principles of the Order as understood in Hungary. After the Burgomaster of Buda Pest had added a few words of welcome, an address in German was given by Bro. Dr. Desiderius Raskay, on 'The History, Organization, and Growth of Freemasonry in Hungary.' Bro. Dr. Louis Torok followed, in English. He stated that the Masons of Hungary established a children's hospital, gave instruction to the deaf and dumb, gave elementary instruction to the children of the poor, were influential in establishing the Public Library, and were active in the establishment of a school for the daughters of the middle classes. They, further, provided funds for holidays in the country for the children of the city poor, meals for the children of the poor attending the public schools, and caused a law to be passed by Parliament for the protection of children against cruelty and neglect; they also established a home for poor mothers with their infants, until able to work; and, lastly, they employed able lawyers to protect the rights of the poor in lawsuits. It is questionable whether so large a number of benefactions and so wide a scope of philanthropy have ever been attempted by any other Grand Lodge in the world. The Grand Lodge of Hungary deserves the highest praise for the broad and noble philanthropy, and its practical recognition of the true Masonic spirit."

There. May we not reasonably put the question, What are we doing in the practice of the principles that we are teaching?

"'Tis a little thing
To give a cup of water; yet its draught
Of cool refreshment, drained by fever'd lips,
May give a shock of pleasure to the frame
More exquisite than when nectarean juice
Renews the life of joy in happiest hours."

Fraternally submitted,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. J. Brunch". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Chairman.

APPENDIX

Proceedings Reviewed

Alabama.....	1908	New Brunswick.....	1908
Arizona.....	1908	New Hampshire.....	1909
Arkansas.....	1908	New Jersey.....	1909
California.....	1909	New Mexico.....	1908
Colorado.....	1909	New South Wales....	1908
Connecticut.....	1909	New York.....	1909
Delaware.....	1909	New Zealand.....	1909
District of Columbia..	1909	North Carolina.....	1909
Florida.....	1909	North Dakota.....	1909
Georgia.....	1909	Nova Scotia.....	1909
Idaho.....	1909	Ohio.....	1908
Illinois.....	1908-9	Oklahoma.....	1909
Indiana.....	1909	Oregon.....	1909
Iowa.....	1909	Pennsylvania.....	1908
Ireland.....	1909	Quebec.....	1909
Kansas.....	1909	Rhode Island.....	1909
Kentucky.....	1908-9	Scotland.....	1908
Louisiana.....	1909	South Carolina.....	1908
Maine.....	1909	South Dakota.....	1909
Maryland.....	1908	Tennessee.....	1909
Massachusetts.....	1908	Vermont.....	1909
Michigan.....	1909	Virginia.....	1908
Minnesota.....	1908-9	Washington.....	1909
Mississippi.....	1909	Western Australia....	1909
Missouri.....	1909	West Virginia.....	1908
Montana.....	1907-8	Wisconsin.....	1909
Nebraska.....	1908	Wyoming.....	1909
Nevada.....	1909	General Grand Chapter	1909

CAPITULAR STATISTICS

Compiled by Companion Herbert Harris, Maine

GRAND CHAPTERS	Chapters	Members	Exaltations	Admissions & Restorations	Dimissions	Expulsions	Suspensions	Sus. for Non- pay't dues	Deaths
Alabama, 1908	57	2,948	366	137	89	2	2	82	48
Arizona, 1908	7	591	60	11	17	0	0	20	9
Arkansas, 1908	81	3,732	306	76	82	1	5	111	61
California, 1909	91	11,008	899	254	158	0	0	91	174
Canada, 1909	139	13,032	1,295	208	222	0	0	183	137
Colorado, 1908	40	3,816	256	66	60	5	0	34	66
Connecticut, 1908	40	7,768	469	22	18	0	0	58	132
Delaware, 1908	4	984	79	3	2	0	0	1	12
Dist. Columbia, 1908 ..	12	3,401	176	49	39	0	0	74	66
Florida, 1908	27	1,625	151	32	35	0	2	22	26
Georgia, 1908	131	6,769	705	*121	*131	*0	0	*83	*57
Idaho, 1908	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois, 1908	194	27,789	2,296	296	379	3	0	263	387
Indiana, 1908	113	12,704	1,140	109	158	1	11	76	192
Indian Territory, 1908 ..	54	2,705	327	75	85	4	0	48	28
Iowa, 1908	127	10,193	782	169	253	5	0	129	157
Kansas, 1909	88	7,929	647	132	156	5	0	62	108
Kentucky, 1908	92	6,820	657	91	96	2	0	118	73
Louisiana, 1908	27	2,489	281	44	47	0	0	52	40
Maine, 1909	59	9,204	420	56	62	0	0	36	138
Maryland, 1908	22	3,027	164	11	16	0	0	19	53
Massachusetts, 1907 ..	76	20,087	1,297	1,356	138	0	0	109	384
Michigan, 1908	141	18,413	1,105	199	227	0	0	115	310
Minnesota, 1908	67	7,319	594	97	145	1	1	144	94
Mississippi, 1909	72	3,813	444	95	167	1	1	134	76
Missouri, 1909	105	11,428	941	183	158	6	2	179	160
Montana, 1906	16	1,282	100	30	36	0	1	8	17
Nebraska, 1908	56	4,100	298	64	70	1	0	55	52
Nevada, 1908	8	373	35	8	2	0	0	7	3
New Brunswick, 1908 ..	8	681	83	2	9	0	0	0	13
New Hampshire, 1908 ..	26	4,036	236	18	19	0	0	26	79
New Jersey, 1909	38	5,778	348	27	43	0	0	89	74
New Mexico, 1907	12	705	65	13	15	0	0	1	15
New York, 1909	204	34,099	2,357	273	243	8	3	574	503
North Carolina, 1908 ..	32	2,076	279	84	61	1	0	23	35
North Dakota, 1908 ..	16	1,794	154	28	38	0	0	21	17
Nova Scotia, 1908	16	1,129	137	18	15	0	0	2	21
Ohio, 1908	164	27,337	2,177	459	250	10	6	379	352
Oregon, 1908	26	2,598	179	35	21	0	0	15	30
Pennsylvania, 1908 ...	127	29,594	1,951	586	....	0	0	218	455
Quebec, 1908	11	1,152	105	6	21	0	0	18	13
Rhode Island, 1908 ...	10	3,517	219	2	2	0	0	19	66
South Carolina, 1908 ..	25	1,810	270	23	28	0	0	12	17
South Dakota, 1908 ...	30	2,370	264	42	50	1	0	23	19
Tennessee, 1909	84	4,526	432	96	85	2	0	29	74
Texas, 1908	228	13,916	1,255	308	482	3	0	193	164
Vermont, 1908	29	3,922	221	14	25	0	0	40	59
Virginia, 1908	60	5,564	582	91	125	4	1	70	77
Washington, 1908	26	2,626	267	106	25	0	0	65	37
West Virginia, 1908 ...	36	4,474	391	38	70	4	0	82	35
Wisconsin, 1909	82	9,069	737	96	127	1	0	54	115
Gen. G. Chapter, 1906	24	1,847	388	81	77	3	0	31	53
* Figures for 1904.									
3,270 369,969 29,387 6,440 4,879 74 354,297 5,383									

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